

From Friday's Daily.
MORE OBSTRUCTION.

Despite the report that Carranza had granted permission to ship supplies to our soldiers in the field in Mexico, the Juarez commander and the Carranza consul in El Paso denied having received any official commands to that effect.

Army officers believe that even if the orders are direct and explicit from Carranza they will be ignored by the Mexican officials in charge of the border. This, they say, adds a new complication which makes the situation extremely delicate.

A further obstruction is indicated in the shape of a statement of an official of the Mexican railway to the effect that all goods received for shipment must be accepted at the sender's risk. The bills of lading are marked: "Not responsible for loss or damage."

From Casas Grandes south the railroad is guarded and is being used, but from Juarez to Casas Grandes there are no United States troops to protect the line, and it is believed that Gen. Funston will ask for permission to send armed escorts with each train.

Here is where the real test of the asserted friendship will come in. If the Mexican officials refuse to permit our troops to guard the supplies, knowing that they have no troops of their own to spare for that purpose, the alleged friendliness will be proved to be a mere sham, and our government will have to seek other means to force the Mexicans to accept our demands.

The authorization of the purchase of eight new aeroplanes to be sent to Gen. Pershing at once indicates that the war department is waking up to the real needs of the expedition. It is to be hoped that the new aeroplanes will be of a better type than those which proved almost useless.

Reports from all over the republic indicate a more friendly feeling than was first apparent when the news of the American expedition first reached Mexico. It may be that the orders on the part of the de facto government are meant in good faith and that the only obstructions are those which Gavira is offering on his own authority. At any rate, there is not a single reason why he should try to prevent the passage of the supplies to the Americans, as he knows that they will go forward by motor truck if the railroad is not used.

Already our forces are reported within a few miles of Chihuahua City, and the shipment of the supplies would be every easy, provided the Mexican subordinates have not received instructions to secretly interfere with them.

Were the supplies to go forward without a guard, there is nothing to prevent the Mexicans from helping themselves, and at the same time obstructing the work of the Americans, and this is undoubtedly the thought uppermost in the minds of all our authorities.

It has been repeatedly declared by the Carranza press that the first chief was friendly disposed toward our people and government. If he wants to prove it, now is his chance. Let him give such orders as cannot be misconstrued by his subordinates to help the Americans in every possible way, including the unrestricted use of the railroad, with permission to send a soldier escort with each train of supplies. If they refuse to obey his orders he will know that they are not his loyal followers.

If he refuses to issue such orders, it will become immediately evident that he is merely playing with us, in which case steps should be taken to support the forces already in Mexico, and not abandon them to annihilation, as Chinese Gordon was abandoned by Gladstone's government.

The time has come for Carranza to fish or cut bait. He can no longer urge that the present expedition is distasteful to any appreciable number of his people, for reports to the contrary come from every section save those dominated by Zapata and Villa. And he will be forever shamed if he breaks his pledged word at this juncture.

AMERICAN VOLUNTEERS.

The usual answer to those in favor of increasing our army, of establishing a great reserve, of improving and extending the militia service, of doing anything in the way of preparedness, is that "when the time comes the patriotic young men of America will swarm to the recruiting offices."

This is perhaps one reason why Texas, with a possible reserve of over 3,400, including officers. This is perhaps the reason why the young men of Texas do not come forward to train themselves for future use in the military service of the country.

There are but three regiments of Texas infantry, with some new companies forming. The personnel of the Texas militia is all that could be desired anywhere, but there are thousands of young men who should be drilling and learning the needed lessons of discipline and physical development before a possible war draws them into the ranks, to waste months in training after the need arises.

There is no lack of that sort of patriotism in the United States. The records show that there was but once in our history when the available men had to be conscripted because they did not volunteer fast enough.

But the true patriotism is that which is willing to make some small sacrifice now, when there is no bugle call, no waving of the flag, no admiring throng of girls and women to applaud. The true patriotism is that which leads a young man to make himself ready for service before the pressing need for that service shall arrive.

So much has been said about the Swiss system of military training that it is hardly necessary to call further attention to the admirable militia

plan of the little republic. With a population less than that of Texas, Switzerland has an effectively trained army of 500,000 men ready for service at three days' notice. This does not make a creditable showing for Texas with less than 4,000.

Too much stress is laid upon the "natural ability" of the American to shoot. Yet were a test to be made of the same number of Texans and Swiss young men at the target range, it would be found that the Swiss were so far ahead of our boys when it comes to shooting at a military target that we should stand no show at all.

Among all the nations of Europe the Swiss have taken the kindest to shooting at a mark. From the days of William Tell—no matter how mythical we may believe the legend—the Swiss youth has passed his holidays in aiming at a mark; first with the ancient crossbow, next with the clumsy and inefficient harquebus, and now in these modern days with the most approved pattern of military rifle.

It is safe to say that if a dozen young men of Laredo who had had no previous military training were to go to Bullseye and try a few shots at the target, they would score many more misses than hits. Yet we are asked to believe that these young men would just naturally make good soldiers upon their enlistment, "because every young American can shoot."

There is a vast difference between the occasional trip into the country with a shotgun to get a few quail or doves and the firing at a range of a thousand yards. And the once a year deer hunt, with a shot or two at a couple of hundred yards, is not much in the way of preparation for firing at an enemy a mile away.

Every arm of the service needs its special training. There are many young men here whose boast is that they "can ride anything on four legs that wears hair." But can they then handle their mounts that after a day's hard marching the animals will be saddle-galled? Can they manage a horse that knows the buckle calls better than his rider, and do they know how to dismount and fire at a command?

We need young Texas volunteers, not only when the call comes from Washington, but right now, while there is still time to learn the rudiments of the military training.

A newly arrived baby, a sleepless father, tired Nature asserting her rights, and—a disastrous train wreck. This is the sequence of events reported from Cleveland. But why not let a man in that condition take a day off?

Villa is in the Sierra Madre, Villa is near the Santa Maria valley, Villa is moving on Parral, Villa is near Torreon, and, at last reports, he was in Durango. You can take your choice. The one important thing is that he is not within reach of the American soldiers.

Eight thousand were all that survived of 30,000 Serbians who fled to the southward when the Teutons invaded their country. The rest perished of cold and hunger. And most of them were women, children or old men. Another example of the absolute heartlessness of war.

The railroad brotherhoods have made their formal demands upon the railroad companies, and the reply will not be forthcoming for some time. At such a time as this, the public ought to have some rights, and any attempt to tie up the railroads of the country by a general strike should meet with swift and certain action by the government.

MISSISSIPPI WOMEN HEAR NOTED SPEAKERS.

Columbus, Miss., March 31.—The Mississippi Woman's Congress and the State Parent-Teachers' Association opened a joint convention here today. Among the speakers are Mrs. Frederick Schott of Philadelphia, president of the National Woman's Congress. Mrs. James P. Mumford, a member of the executive committee, and Miss Ella Wheelock, president of the National Kindergarten Association.

When to Take Chamberlain's Tablets.

When you feel dull and stupid after eating.
When constipated or bilious.
When you have a sick headache.
When you have a sour stomach.
When you belch after eating.
When you have indigestion.
When nervous or despondent.
When you have no relish for your meals.
When your liver is torpid.
Obtainable everywhere.

DELIVERED THREE LECTURES.

Well Known Educator From State University Delighted Laredo Audiences With Interesting Talks.

Dr. J. B. Wharey, professor of English in the State University, arrived in Laredo on the afternoon train yesterday and shortly thereafter delivered an address to the members of the Tuesday Music and Literary Club at the home of Mrs. J. H. Davis, the president. Last night Prof. Wharey addressed a large crowd at the Elks Hall, his subject being, "The Evils of Future Life as Seen By Master Mink of Literature."

This morning Professor Wharey honored the teachers of the Laredo public schools with an address, he delivering one of his interesting talks to them at the Central Grammar School. He was given the closest attention throughout all of his addresses in Laredo and those who heard him enjoyed real treats. Professor Wharey left on his return to Austin this afternoon. The prominent educator was brought to Laredo by the Tuesday and Literary Club.

THE BUILDING ACTIVITY IS CONTINUING IN LAREDO

SCENES OF PROSPERITY ARE EVIDENT ON EVERY HAND.

Besides Handsome Business Houses in Course of Construction, Dwellings Are Going Up Everywhere.

Building operations in Laredo continue active, and in every part of the city where one may wander on an observation or sight-seeing trip these days he notes the animated scenes presented by workers rearing the walls of new buildings or the foundation work of some new structure being under way.

On Lincoln street a merry scene of activity is presented just west of the Laredo National Bank, where two forces of workmen are engaged in a merry race. Within eighteen inches of each other there are two brick buildings being built, and as the walls of the two are about at the same height at this time a "brick-laying race" is on. One building is that of Dr. A. W. Wilcox, which is a small structure, but two stories in height, while the other building is that of Puig Brothers, which is a one-story building, but of large dimensions.

Then as one comes to the corner of Flores Avenue and Lincoln street there is to be found the activity in work on the handsome new home of the Laredo National Bank. On the corner of Convent Avenue and Hidalgo street a force of workmen are busily engaged in laying brick on the second story wall of the Bertani building. On the corner of Salinas Avenue and Farragut street the new restaurant building is nearing completion. Then going west on Farragut street one finds the Applewhite residence rapidly nearing completion, while in that same part of the city, over on Matamoros street, is to be found the handsome new home of Dr. C. F. Kenney almost ready for occupancy and the walls of the R. K. Mims home rapidly being reared.

In other parts of the city are also numerous building activities too numerous to mention, especially in the northwestern part of the city and on the Heights section. But these are only a few of the building activities of the year 1916 in Laredo, for soon there will be building operations in progress on several more business houses and a hundred or more cottages and dwellings of all kinds.

Close on Saturday. Owing to Saturday being election day, Moser's store will be closed that day, but will remain open until 9:30 p. m. Friday to accommodate our patrons.

MOSER'S STORE.
330-21.

EIGHTY CARLOADS OF ONIONS

Representing Shipments from Various Parts of the County Rolled Out of Laredo Last Night.

Four special trainloads of onions moved out of Laredo last night over the International & Great Northern road for northern points, deliveries to the I. & G. N. at this point being made by both the Texas-Mexican and the Rio Grande & Eagle Pass railroads.

The four special trains last night, together with the carloads of onions attached to the outgoing "Boll Weevil" train, aggregated a total of eighty carloads. Numerous onion growers in various directions from Laredo were represented in the shipments made out of here last night, the onions coming from all sections in the country contiguous to Laredo, including North Laredo, South Laredo, Isillas, Joyce, Santa Rosa Farm, Laguna and other places.

Up to this morning the total carload shipments of Bermuda onions which have rolled out of here this season aggregated a total of 581 cars, and for some of the cars the early shippers will soon be receiving checks showing that the prices paid were most liberal.

Change at Express Office.

L. P. Boerner, for several years past cashier of the Wells-Fargo Express Co. in Laredo, has been promoted to agent of the company at New Braunfels and will leave for his new station shortly. A. C. McNeeney, formerly cashier of the Wells-Fargo Co. at Corpus Christi, arrived yesterday afternoon and was today inducted into his new position.

SCHOOL ELECTION TOMORROW

Three Members of the Board of School Trustees of Laredo Independent District Will Be Elected.

In accordance with an official order promulgated for some weeks past, a regular election will be held in this city tomorrow to elect a set of three trustees to serve on the board of school trustees of the Laredo Independent School District for the ensuing two years. Of the three trustees seeking election, two are candidates for re-election, these being Fred H. Ligarde and C. R. Molina, and the new aspirant is Dr. M. P. Culinan.

There will be only two voting places tomorrow, wards Nos. 1 and 2 voting jointly in the same poll and wards 3 and 4 doing likewise at another place. Wards Nos. 1 and 2 will have their polling place at the Central School building, with Oscar Staben as the presiding judge. Wards Nos. 3 and 4 will have their polling place at the school building on the corner of Farragut street and Santa Clotilde Avenue. This election, like all others, will be held in accordance with the election laws of the state, and the polls will open at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning and remain open for the reception of voters until 7 o'clock that evening.

Off on Fishing Trip.

Messrs. Adolph and Henry Deutz and Judge Geo. R. Page left this morning in an automobile for Cotulla, from where they will go to Camp Adolphus down the Nueces river for a few days fishing expedition. They expect to return Sunday night.

CHANCE TO MAKE MONEY.

Laredo Offers Opportunity to Man With Money to Come Here and Get Good Returns on Investment.

The time is coming when Laredo will have a good supply of cottages for rent at figures that are not so exorbitant as at present, for some man, with a lot of spare capital, will come along, secure a tract of land in the city and erect thereon from twenty to fifty bungalows or other rentable houses, and these will be let to tenants at reasonable rents.

At the present time Laredo people are charging more exorbitant rents for cottages than anywhere in the state. It is common here to pay from \$25 to \$35 per month for a four-room house, while elsewhere in the state there are many cities that rent these houses at from \$15 to \$18 per month. And generally in addition to the rent here the tenants must pay the water bill. A tip to a capitalist who wants to make money out of the investment is to come to Laredo and build rent houses and rent them reasonably. The tax rate is low, but the rent rate is high.

NO LIGHTS FOR THE CONCERT

Ninth Infantry Band Awaited Fulfillment of Saying, "Let There Be Light," But Juice Lacking.

What might have been a band concert on Jarvis Plaza had its nucleus in a crowd and the presence of the Ninth Infantry Band on the little plaza last night, but the darkness which overshadowed everything because there was no electric juice in the lights, made the would-be concert a dismal failure and all who were assembled thereabouts were thoroughly disgusted, for they had gone to the plaza anticipating spending a delightful evening.

The band was there on "schedule time, and the people also came and went, but the obscurity of the scene was such that the musicians could not play in the dark because of being unable to see the notes, and so the concert was postponed.

THIRTY-THREE CARS IMPORTS

Heavy Shipments of Ores, Skins, Etc., Arrived Yesterday Afternoon from Mexico and Shipped Out.

The importations through this port from Mexico the past few days have been above the ordinary in volume, and yesterday afternoon the aggregate importations totaled thirty-three carloads. Represented in the list was the following: Thirteen carloads of litle, eight carloads of hides, seven carloads of steel billets, four carloads of calamine and one carload miscellaneous.

The exportations through this port to Mexico recently have been unusually small, this being due to the diverting of traffic in that line via Eagle Pass. But otherwise than the decrease in the exportations, Laredo is not suffering from a lack of business with Mexico.

GENERAL PARKER DEPARTED

Brigadier General of Whose Command Fourteenth Cavalry is Part, Concluded Inspection Yesterday.

Brigadier General James Parker, commander of the First Cavalry Brigade, with headquarters at Fort Sam Houston, who arrived here on Wednesday morning accompanied by his aide-de-camp, Lieut. A. G. Hixson of the Fourteenth Cavalry, left last night for San Antonio.

During the two days stay here of General Parker he inspected the squadron of the Fourteenth Cavalry stationed at Fort McIntosh, which is a part of the general's command. These inspections are held semi-annually and the officers, men and equipment of the command come under the discerning eye of the commander for rigid inspection. On this visit to the Fourteenth Cavalry forces stationed at Fort McIntosh General Parker found everything in excellent condition and uttered words of commendation for all concerned.

RUSHING WORK ON BUILDING

Large Forces of Men on Outside and Inside of Laredo National Bank Are Rushing the Operations.

The force of artisans engaged in the construction and finishing work on the handsome new two-story home of the Laredo National Bank are making rapid progress with their work now and some animated scenes are to be witnessed as one stands about and observes the operations.

A force of men are engaged in finishing work on the upper exterior of the bank, applying the final touches to the handsome and imposing ornamental entablature top. On the second floor expert plasterers are completing the work of putting the office rooms in readiness. On the lower floor a force of mechanics of various kinds are at work, these representing construction men, plasterers, plumbers, gas and electric fitters and others.

The new bank building, it is said, will be completed and ready for occupancy during the latter part of May. The costly fixtures which have been ordered for the fitting up of the bank and its private offices on the lower and mezzanine floors, are now being made and will be en route within a short time, or before the work of construction and finishing on the bank is completed.

Take Po-Do-Lax in Spring.

In winter our blood gets thick, our pores close, we feel tired and dull when hot days come. What we need is a spring liver tonic, something to rid our system of winter's accumulated waste. Po-Do-Lax will do it. It stimulates the bile, empties the bowels. The organs become more active and in a little while you feel like new. Don't neglect cleaning out your system. Take Po-Do-Lax and you will feel fine. 50c. at your drug-gist.

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CHARGED WITH MURDER.

By Associated Press.

New York, March 31.—The grand jury today returned a first degree murder indictment against Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, accusing him of poisoning his father-in-law, John E. Peck, a millionaire drug manufacturer of Grand Rapids, Mich.

WORTH FORTY MILLIONS.

By Associated Press.

St. Louis, Mo., March 31.—A minimum price of \$40,700,000 was placed on the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad today by Judge Sanborn when he said he would issue a foreclosure decree.

FARMERS OF NORTH DAKOTA BANDED IN OWN PARTY.

Fargo, N. D., March 31.—The great meeting of farmers ever held in the state is the gathering of delegates to the Nonpartisan League convention here today. The state convention will be held here tomorrow. Nearly ten thousand farmers are here or on the way. The league is expected to exert a powerful influence in the coming elections unless some event should split the organization. It is said that 30,000 farmers are already enlisted in the league. It will have its own state ticket, and expects to control the next legislature. It is said that the league will be extended into Minnesota and Montana.

MUST DECIDE WHETHER ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION IS CHARITY

New York, March 31.—Whether or not the Rockefeller Foundation and similar endowed funds are charitable corporations is the interesting question that must be answered in an interesting tax case that will be argued today. The State Controller has appealed from the decision of the transfer tax appraiser in exempting from taxation the residuary bequest of \$437,000 under the will of the late Mrs. John D. Rockefeller to the Rockefeller foundation. The state maintains that the foundation is not a charitable corporation and therefore is not exempt from the transfer tax.

EXPECT EARLY ADJUSTMENT OF CONTROVERSY.

Washington, March 31.—Final arguments in the famous Lake of the Woods controversy, which has been pending between Canada and the United States since 1888, will be heard in Washington in April by the International Joint Commission. Millions of dollars are involved in the controversy. A great deal of evidence has been taken, the commission has made a complete topographical survey of the whole territory affected, and the report to the two governments will be made, with recommendations, in February in Winnipeg. The final evidence was heard last night. The final evidence was heard last night. The final evidence was heard last night.

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A lot more Mazda-shaped Lamps of 25 and 40 watts.
Five for \$1.00.
Laredo Elec. & Telephone Supply Co.
Royal Theatre Building.
2-18-tt.

Sign of Good Digestion.

When you see a cheerful and happy old lady you may know that she has good digestion. If your digestion is impaired or if you do not relish your meals take a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets. They strengthen the stomach, improve the digestion and cause a gentle movement of the bowels. Obtainable everywhere.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT WORK

Both the City Officials and the Women of Laredo Will Co-operate in Beautification Work in City.

There are some extensive civic improvements planned for Laredo during the present year, and if all the work that is now in prospect in that regard is actually carried out the transformation of Laredo into a "city beautiful" will begin to become a realization. In this work both the city officials and the several women's clubs of the city will share, and there is no reason why there should not be perfect harmony and co-operation among them.

The beautification of the plazas of the city is contemplated by both the city officials and the various women interested in the work, and the mere fact that the ladies have determined to carry this work forward is an assurance that all work in contemplation will eventually develop into an accomplishment. The women of other cities of Texas have contributed their efforts to the betterment of the surroundings of their municipalities, and therefore the women of Laredo are not to be outdone by others.

There is a vast field for improvement in many public places in Laredo and it is not necessary to make a microscopic examination to ferret out the intolerable conditions that exist, but once the city officials and the women combine their efforts for the civic improvement of the city there will be "something doing."

LAREDO PEOPLE

GET INSTANT ACTION.

Those who have used it in Laredo are astonished at the INSTANT action of simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler-ika. Because it acts on BOTH lower and upper bowel, ONE SPOONFUL Adler-ika relieves almost ANY CASE constipation, sour stomach or gas. It removes such surprising foul matter that a few doses often relieve or prevent appendicitis. A short treatment helps chronic stomach trouble. The City Drug Co.

GEN. PARKER INSPECTS TROOPS

Yesterday and Today Busy Days for Members of Troops of Cavalry Which Are Stationed Here.

Yesterday and today have been busy ones for the members of the four troops, comprising the squadron of the Fourteenth Cavalry stationed at Fort McIntosh, for the commander of whose brigade they are a part, Brigadier General James Parker, who arrived yesterday morning from his headquarters at Fort Sam Houston, has been putting them through strenuous work.

Yesterday morning shortly after the arrival of the brigadier general all the troop commanders and their men began making things get lively, and a little later in the morning began the actual work that actuated General Parker in coming to Laredo at this time—a thorough inspection of the troops and the equipment of the Fourteenth Cavalry stationed at Fort McIntosh. General Parker has found the men and their equipment in excellent condition, so the Times was informed, and he highly commended the officers and men for this condition.

SEND INDIANS AFTER "INDIAN"

Pancho Villa Will Have to "Go Some" to Keep Out of the Way of Troops With the Indian Trailers.

According to the latest advices from Washington, it is soon to be an illustration of the saying: "When Greek Meets Greek." The following item taken from the press dispatches from the national capital is of interest to Laredo people and the many American refugees here from Mexico, who are watching developments in the punitive expedition with keen interest. An item, appearing under a Washington date, reads as follows: "At the suggestion of Gen. Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the army, the war department will send twenty Indian scouts to aid General Pershing. The braves are from the tribe formerly led by Geronimo. They will be sent to Mexico from San Carlos and Fort Apache at once. These Indians are acquainted with every foot of ground over which Villa is now leading the American forces."

TO SAVE THE GRAPE VINES

Prof. Mally Gives the People of Laredo a Formula That is Most Efficacious Against Pests.

Professor F. W. Mally, the agricultural expert for Webb county, this morning stated to the Times reporter that it had come to him that worms and caterpillars were ravaging grape vines in and around Laredo, but that if the citizens and others would use a formula which he had experimented with successfully the deleterious work of the pests would be eliminated and the pests exterminated.

Prof. Mally says all that is necessary to drive the worms and caterpillars from the vines is to spray them with a solution made of three pounds of arsenate of lead dissolved in fifty gallons of water, or for less or more quantities to use the arsenate and water in proportion. Grape vines sprayed with this solution once a week will prove most efficacious.

Professor Mally says it is advisable to dissolve the arsenate of lead first in a little water to make a paste and then put it into the larger quantity of water. He advises beginning spraying the grape vines immediately.

For Neat and Accurate Job Work ring up 43.

SOCIETY

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SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Thursday.

Dr. J. B. Wharey of the University of Texas, will address the members of the Tuesday Music and Literary Club in the afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. H. Davis.

Lecture under auspices of Tuesday Music and Literary Club at Elks Hall in the evening.

Friday.

Bishop Johnston Junior Auxiliary will meet at the rectory with Mrs. Cook at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Oh, the spring so cold and nipping
Came a-tripping down the hills,
Found her lilac boughs all budded,
Heard the laughter of the rills,
Woke the sleepy pussy willows
With her whisper gay and arch,
Set the whole world swinging, ringing,
To the gleesome airs of March.

—Alice E. Allen.

General Mention.

Mrs. L. Rogers and daughter expect to leave today for El Paso, where they will be accompanied by Mrs. J. C. Seymour.

Mrs. Upjohn of New York, who has been the guest of Capt. and Mrs. Rucker at Fort McIntosh for several weeks, expects to leave Laredo on Friday. She will be accompanied as far as San Antonio by Mrs. Rucker, who will visit friends there.

Mrs. W. W. MacGregor is expected home today from San Antonio, where she has been the past week with her daughter, Mrs. Malcolm R. Jameson.

Announcements.

The members of Christ Church Altar Guild will be ready at any time to fill orders for favors of different designs.

Birthday Party.

A charming birthday party was given by Rose Guernsey to her little boy and girl friends Tuesday afternoon from four to seven o'clock. After a happy afternoon of games, ice cream and cake were served to the following: Maxine Durborrow, Virginia and Mabel Boyett, Cora Lee and Mildred Bennett, Myrtle Powell, Nettie Johnson, Annie and Rose Guernsey, John Boyett, James Denson, Joe Worsham, Winfield Durborrow, Joe, Francis and Clarence Guernsey.

Club Notes.

Christ Church Parish Guild met with Mrs. Donovan yesterday afternoon at three o'clock. The members sewed all afternoon on white articles for the Easter Sale. The next regular meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Frank Nye, and the members are requested to meet promptly at three o'clock. All kinds of aprons will be made on that day. At the conclusion of the afternoon's work ice cream and cake was served. Those present were: Mesdames Arthur, Arkles, Anderson, Cook, Kehl, Mussett, Nye, Puster, Woodman, Wiggins, Younkln. The guest of the afternoon was Mrs. Sorrell.

Bridge Luncheon.

Mrs. W. F. Harrell of Fort McIntosh was hostess to a beautiful party yesterday morning, complimenting the ladies of the Ninth Infantry and the Fourteenth Cavalry and the Artillery. The rooms were attractively decorated in scarlet geraniums and red oleanders. There were five tables of players and several additional guests. After the series of games was played Mrs. Mason Gray scored high and won the first prize, a handsome silver bonbon dish; Mrs. Morris was awarded the second prize, an exquisite silver and ivory tea ball. Mrs. Edgar Sirmyer cut consolation, and received a dainty silver bud vase. A delicious five-course luncheon followed the bridge party and those present were: Mesdames R. K. Evans, Robt. Brown, Edgar Sirmyer, Rucker, Reuben Smith, Loeb, Kinney, Zane, Weaver, Gallagher, King, Upjohn Gray, Meador, Morris, Harris, Hawley, Coulter, Clement, Bell; Misses Alice Gray and Clarisse Ryan and the hostess.

Dinner.

Lieutenant Gilbreath entertained last evening very delightfully at dinner in honor of Miss Edna Brown's birthday. The table was very attractive, the color scheme—pink—being effectively carried out in all the decorations. The centerpiece of pink La France roses and ferns was surrounded by pink-shaded candles and the place cards were of rose design. An eight-course dinner was served, and covers were laid for the honoree, Lieut. and Mrs. Coulter, Misses Olive Gray, Cleo Pereira, Alice Gray, Etta Thaison, Mary Louise Cook; Major Switzer, Lieut. Moore, Lieut. Zundell, Robert Muller, Percy Winch and the host. A box party at the Royal followed the dinner.

The members of the Girls' Social Club and a number of guests were charmingly entertained yesterday afternoon by Miss Edna Brown. After a series of games of bridge, a two-course luncheon was served. The polished table held as a centerpiece a brass basket filled with pink roses and ferns, surrounded by pink-

shaded tapers. Rose place cards marked places for the following: Mesdames O. J. Cook, J. T. Halsell, Misses Esther Hirsch, Elizabeth Mussett, Cleo Pereira, Theodora Gullett, Maud Mussett and the hostess. Miss Esther Hirsch held high score for the afternoon and was given a dainty embroidered towel.

A pain in the side or back that catches you when you straighten up calls for a rubbing application of BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT. It relaxes the contracted muscles and permits ordinary bodily motion without suffering or inconvenience. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

A GOOD OPPORTUNITY.

While there has been no end of reasonable fault found with the manner in which the southern farmer sells his cotton, his system or lack of system in disposing of other farm productions is even more open to criticism.

If he sells a few wagon-loads of shuck-corn in the fall, which is a poor time to sell corn, he takes what he can get; the buyer, beside allowing himself plenty of margin for shrinkage, usually pays several cents under the market price realized from carlot buyers.

If he has a few fat hogs to sell, the gap between what the local buyer pays and value in car-lots in market centers is usually wide indeed. And so it goes throughout the list of things produced in less than car-lots—pigs, peas, poultry, and what-not. In a recent talk with Mr. W. H. Ross, U. S. Farm Demonstrator for Dallas county, this subject came up and it was agreed "by and between" us that co-operation among the farmers to grow and sell would furnish remedy for a lot of such present trouble and loss.

Mr. Ross suggested that the establishment of local elevators, with shelving arrangement for corn either in the elevators or in country neighborhoods, would mark a long step in the way of progress, as both the bulking of the grain and its better shape for sale would induce a better class of buyers than is usually found for less than car-lots.

That the business people of the smaller cities and towns, who show ever-increasing interest in the betterment of farming conditions, would aid morally and materially in such a movement, is more than probable. In fact, their present attitude seems one of watchfulness for opportunity to render such help, and the suggestion of Mr. Ross would afford a good opportunity.

R. R. CLARIDGE,
Agricultural Agent, T. & P. Ry. Co.,
Fort Worth, Texas.

RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

Texas Mexican.
Leaves for Corpus Christi at 8:20 a. m.
Arrives from Corpus Christi at 3:55 p. m. Standard time.

International & Great Northern.
Through fast train for St. Louis leaves at 12:40 and arrives at 2:15 p. m.

I. & G. N. Night Train.
Leaves at 8 p. m. and arrives at 7:15 a. m.

Rio Grande & Eagle Pass.
Train No. 1 leaves Laredo daily except Sunday at 8 a. m. Arrives at Minera at 10:30 a. m.
Train No. 2 leaves Minera daily except Sunday at 1:15 p. m. Arrives at Laredo at 3:30 p. m.

WOUNDED AT COLUMBUS



Second Lieut. Clarence Benson Thirteenth United States Cavalry, who was wounded in Villa's raid on Columbus, New Mex., laid the foundation of his military training in McKinley school, Washington, D. C. The picture shows him in the uniform of a cadet captain. For two years he has been on patrol duty on the Mexican border, stationed at Columbus, Ariz.

Unforgotten.

"Has your wife a good memory?"
"Splendid. We've been married twenty years, and she's still reminding me of all the promises I made when we were courting."

Watch THE TIMES everyday for opportunities. 50c. per month.

PERSONALS

Sam Lewin of San Antonio is a guest at the Ross.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Guinn and little baby returned this morning from a two weeks visit at Mineral Wells.

Don Francisco Alegria has arrived in the city from Mexico and joined his family and will make his home here for a while.

C. E. Wallace are visitors in the city. They are agents of the Southland Life Insurance Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Emilio Reyes and children of Nuevo Laredo left today for San Antonio and Galveston on a pleasure trip. Mr. Reyes is the Administrador del Timbre in Nuevo Laredo.

ROSS.—A. J. Oliver, M. W. Gast, San Antonio; J. Sarlin, New York; Mrs. R. Belderein, Los Angeles; G. H. Bortoni, San Antonio; G. W. Pettit and wife, Encinal; C. H. Bardach, New York; L. Dricke, San Antonio; T. K. Eldridge and wife, Rio Grande City; A. Mandell, Monterey; H. Huff, Tampico; Ray Bullon, Chicago; J. L. Solis, Alberto C. Garcia, Gilberto G. Garcia, Monterey; J. T. Guerra, San Diego; Sam Lewin, J. Gans, San Antonio; Chas. Gluck, New York.

PARDON BOARDS TO HEAR INTERESTING CASES.

Minneapolis, March 30.—A famous backwoods tragedy, a homicide of the north country for which William E. Coddington has been locked up in Stillwater prison for a dozen years, will be rehearsed before the state pardon board in April, in support of Coddington's plea for freedom. He is serving a life term for murder in the first degree.

Coddington killed Henry Kehring, reported the tragedy to the sheriff, and gave himself up. His plea was defense. Nobody witnessed the tragedy out in the backwoods. It was the result of a feud that started in a quarrel over ten dollars. Kehring was killed while he held a loaded pistol in his hand. Witnesses testified to specific threats to kill Coddington that had been made by Kehring. Yet the jury found Coddington guilty.

According to the evidence at the trial, the settlers of the section were raising a cabin for a new settler near Bona, in Itasca County, on August 3, 1903, when Kehring suddenly appeared with a rifle on his arm and a pistol on his hip. He called Coddington a thief, cursed him and said he would kill him. That night, Coddington and a companion were threatened while driving on a buckboard. Coddington was advised to have Kehring placed under bonds to keep the peace, and he was on his way to the county seat for this purpose when the shooting took place. The trial led through Kehring's clearing, and Kehring and his dog appeared. The horse took fright, throwing Coddington out. But he still clutched his rifle. When he looked up, according to his story, he saw Kehring only 10 feet away aiming his pistol at him. Coddington claims he moved away, firing his rifle as he retreated. Kehring dropped at the third shot.

Chicago, March 30.—One of the most unusual cases ever to come before the Illinois Board of Pardons is that of John Platt, who was arrested in 1913 on a charge of robbery, sent to the Joliet penitentiary, and since confined there. There was no question at the time that Platt was guilty. The recognition was unequivocal. Now there appears a bandit arrested for another robbery, who confesses that one of his accomplices, a man by the name of Murphy, who bears a weird resemblance to Platt, was the man for whom Platt was mistaken. The new bandit witness says that Platt was not in the gang that robbed Morris Messenger's restaurant in Chicago. Sure enough, the men were almost identical in appearance, and might have passed for twin brothers.

A special meeting of the Pardon Board was immediately called, so that the case could be decided without waiting for the regular April meeting. In the matter of reparation, it is pointed out that there is no compensation allowed except by appropriation by the Legislature. It has been announced by Messenger, the owner of the restaurant that was robbed, that if Platt clears himself and proves he is on the square, he will be given full reparation, and that his future will be provided for.

Children who have worms are pale, cross, fretful, and sickly most of the time. To rid the little body of these parasites WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE is an approved remedy. When the worms have been driven out the child grows strong, healthy and robust. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:

Tonight fair; colder, with frost. Friday fair, colder.

Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today:

Max. temp. 87 degs.

Min. temp. 83 degs.

General direction of wind: South.

Partly cloudy.

LITERAL TRANSLATION.

A tenderfoot drifted into a Mexican restaurant the other night and ordered oysters. Wanting some horse-radish, he said to the man at his side: "Horse is caballo, red is colorado, but I'll be hanged if I can think of Spanish for fish."

ARMY OFFICERS DISTRUST RAILROADS AS MEANS OF TRANSPORTING OUR SUPPLIES

Motor Truck Line Still to be Used and If it is Demonstrated that Supplies are being Held Up or Interfered with on Railroads Funston will Urge Permission be Granted for Escorts on Trains.

BABY MAY BE CAUSE OF TERRIBLE WRECK

FEDERAL AND STATE OFFICIALS PROBING INTO CAUSE OF RAILROAD DISASTER YESTERDAY.

By Associated Press.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 30.—Twenty-seven bodies were recovered from yesterday's New York Central wreck this far. Attention today was focused on federal, state and railroad investigations to determine the responsibility. As far as the railroad is concerned the responsibility rests either upon the towerman, who it is alleged was asleep, or the engineer, who some say either failed to see the signals or exceeded orders.

Blame for the wreck may be traced to a baby's tiny crib, if the investigation under way shows that Towerman A. B. Ernst gave the wrong signal. Mrs. Ernst gave birth to a baby Sunday night and it is said that Ernst had but little sleep since. On the other hand, Ernst says he was not asleep, that he knew something was wrong and gave the right signal.

ROBBED MAIL TRAIN.

By Associated Press.

Shreveport, La., March 30.—Federal and local authorities are unable to obtain a clue today to aid them in capturing two masked men who boarded a Texas Pacific train here early this morning, gagged and bound two mail clerks and escaped with all the loose registered mail in the car. The amount lost has not been announced from New Orleans yet. The government has offered \$1,000 reward for their capture.

WOMEN IN THE NEWS.

Montgomery, Ala.—The building of a library memorial to the memory of Amelia Gorgas, who served as librarian at the University of Alabama for a generation, has been proposed and approved by the university authorities. Amelia Gorgas was the wife of General Josiah Gorgas, of the Confederate army, who was once president of the University, and the mother of Surgeon General William Crawford Gorgas of the United States army, the man who cleared Cuba and the Canal Zone from insect pests. Her maiden name was Amelia Gayle. The library memorial will cost \$100,000, and will be one of the finest tributes ever paid to an American woman.

Wellesley, Mass.—The class beauty of the Wellesley seniors this year is Miss Priscilla Barrows of Hartford, Conn. She will be mistress of ceremonies in the Tree Day pageant. Her attendants, chosen also because of their beauty, will be Miss Marion Mitchell of Philadelphia, Miss Pauline Shorey of Dover, N. H. and Miss Madeline Gibson of Calumet, Mich. Miss Barrows, the class queen, has appeared in dramas, and is president of Zeta Alpha Society.

St. Stephen, N. B.—Miss Lois Hazen Grimmer, daughter of Hon. Justice Grimmer of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick, is the first Canadian girl to be accepted for overseas as a chauffer in the war zone. Miss Grimmer is well qualified to fill her appointment, for she is an expert mechanic. She has always operated her own automobile and done her own repairing.

New Orleans.—Two hundred thousand dollars to establish a tuberculosis hospital is the magnificent gift of Mrs. Eve Christine Butterworth Dibert, to the City of New Orleans. The hospital will be a memorial to the lady's late husband, John Dibert. This is the largest single gift to alleviate human suffering and conserve human life ever made in the South.

Take Po-Do-Lax in Spring.

In winter our blood gets thick, our pores close, we feel tired and dull when hot days come. What we need is a spring liver tonic, something to rid our system of winter's accumulated waste. Po-Do-Lax will do it. It stimulates the bile, empties the bowels. The organs become more active and in a little while you feel like new. Don't neglect cleaning out your system. Take Po-Do-Lax and you will feel fine. 50c. at your druggist.

By Associated Press.

San Antonio, Texas, March 30.—Although military supplies will be offered to the management of the Mexican Northwestern railroad at Juarez for shipment to American troops in Mexico, officers at army headquarters here regard the conditional use of the railroad as experimental that the motor truck line from Columbus will be maintained. If it is demonstrated that the supplies are being held up or interfered with on their way to the front, Gen. Funston, it is expected, will again urge that permission be secured to place escorts on the trains.

Long, Relentless Chase.

El Paso, Texas, March 30.—General Pershing has projected a long and relentless campaign in the hunt for a Villa, a chase that may last many weeks before the bandit is run to earth. This information was gained here today from military men who made no secret of their belief that Villa had slipped through the cordon of Carranza troops and American soldiers. Mexican officials said today they had no information of the whereabouts of Villa. A report that Villa had raided Santo Tomas, south of Nampiquia, was current today but was unconfirmed. Neither General Gavira at Juarez nor Consul Garcia at El Paso had news of the report and they did not credit it.

Authorized More Aeroplanes.

Washington, March 30.—Immediate purchase of eight aeroplanes to be sent at once to General Pershing was authorized by the war department today.

CHICAGO BANKER FIGHTS PRISON TERM.

Chicago, March 30.—The Appellate Court of Illinois will take up next week the appeal of Charles B. Munday, the banker associated with William Lorimer in the operation of the string of Illinois banks that went to the wall a few years ago. Munday is out on bail pending his appeal from the sentence of five years imposed by Judge Stough last fall.

FACES \$200,000 PENALTY FOR REBATING.

Trenton, N. J., March 30.—Judge John Reilstab of the U. S. District Court in New Jersey has fixed tomorrow as the date when the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company will be sentenced on 27 counts of an indictment charging it with accepting rebates from the Central Railroad of New Jersey for coal shipments.

The concern was found guilty March 16th by a jury. Although the verdict of the jury would admit the exaction of an aggregate penalty of \$50,000 or \$520,000 on each count, it is anticipated that the fine will not exceed \$5,000,000, the amount of the penalty imposed upon the Central Railroad for granting the same rebates as were involved in the coal companies' case.

The defense offered by the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co. was that it acted in entire good faith in accepting the rebates, since they were made as a part of the consideration under a contract by which the navigation company leased a railroad to the Jersey Central in 1871. The Central Railroad of New Jersey also offered this as its defense at the earlier trial.

JOHN PAUL JONES.

Mare Island, Calif.—As a preliminary to a proper preparedness program, the United States Marine Corps has enlisted the services of John Paul Jones, and now has him serving his country in the role of Marine private, attached to the local navy yard.

Private John Paul Jones, U. S. M. C., who says his only relationship with the great naval commander of the same name is a similarity of purpose, temperament, and patriotism, has "not yet begun to fight" for, until three weeks ago, he was a peaceable citizen of Brawley, California, without military training or experience.

When Jones finishes his recruit drills he will likely be sent to sea with other Marine Corps recruits, or else be assigned to some expeditionary force operating in foreign waters, or ashore.

PROPOSALS FOR DRAFT AND PACK MULES.—Office Depot Quartermaster, Fort Sam Houston, Texas:—Sealed proposals will be received here until 11 a. m., Central time, April 6, 1916, and then opened for furnishing 80 draft and 10 pack mules. Further information on application.

HERBINE cures constipation and re-establishes regular bowel movements. Price 50c. Sold by all druggists.

GERMANS DESISTED FROM THEIR ATTACK

GERMAN AIR RAID ON SALONIKI AND AUSTRIAN RAID ON VENICE WERE BOTH REPULSED.

By Associated Press.

After pushing back the French lines along the Malancourt region northwest of Verdun, the Germans have desisted for the present from further advances on the forts there. Further west the Germans made infantry counter attacks in Avocourt wood in an effort to retake the positions lost to the French. Paris declares the attempts were fruitless. German aeroplanes attempted another raid on Saloniki, but French aircraft repelled them. The British steamer Diadem, 3,700 tons, has been sunk. Four Austrian aeroplanes were brought down in a raid over the Venetian provinces Monday. The raiders failed to inflict any significant damage and only a few persons were wounded, according to the latest Rome official statement.

Many Thousands Perished.

Berne, Switzerland, March 30.—Of 30,000 Serbian refugees who headed southward following the invasion of their country by the Teutons, only 8,000 reached Saloniki, all the others having perished from cold and hunger on the way, according to reports received by the Swiss Red Cross.

RAILROAD MEN'S DEMANDS.

Chicago, March 30.—While the formal demands of the four railroad brotherhoods were being made today, the possible nature of the replies from the railroads was being discussed. The possibility that the railroads might not make a uniform reply was hinted. The demands are without precedent, and it appears, it is said, that some railroads are reluctant to joining in the general movement to make schedules for all roads regardless of individual conditions.

TO BOOM GEAT RIVER ROADWAY.

La Crosse, Wis., March 30.—Many towns along the proposed highway from St. Louis to St. Paul have announced that they will send representatives to the meeting to be held here next month to complete the plans for the new highway. The paved roadway will follow the old trail along the Mississippi River.

MUSTACHE CAME LOOSE.

Houston, Texas.—When a false mustache, with fierce bristling points, worked loose on the upper lip of John Homer, an applicant for enlistment at the local United States Marine Corps recruiting station, it was discovered that Homer was a runaway, 17 years of age, and had hit upon the mustache disguise to add dignity to his appearance.

But "cruel" Sergeant Robinson of the Marines shattered the boy's romance with the announcement that he'd have to wait until he was 21, or else get parents' consent, and now young Homer is inclined to the belief that there is little efficacy in the borrowed movie plot when applied to life's stern realities.

"I'll come back some day with a real mustache of my own and then you'll be glad to accept me as one of Uncle Sam's Marines," were Homer's parting words.

Band Concert Program.

Following is the program of the concert to be given by the Ninth Infantry Band at Jarvis Plaza tonight: March, "Durch Kampf zum Sieg,"... Von Blon Overture, "Festival,"... Leutner Waltz, "Enseño Seductor,"... Rosas Medley, "The Grand Slam,"... arr. Lake Suite, "Peer Gyn" No. 1,.... Grieg (a) The Morning; (b) Death of Asa; (c) Anitra's Dance; (d) In the Hall of the Mountain King. Selection, "Mefistofele,"... Boito Descriptive, "Mill in the Forest,"... Ellenberg Selection, "The Three Twins,"... Hoschna The Star Spangled Banner.

From Wednesday's Daily.

A COSTLY EQUIPMENT.

Failing the permission to use the Mexican railroad to transport troop supplies has caused Gen. Funston to recommend the purchase of two more auto truck equipments, comprising fifty-four cars in all.

It is difficult to see what advantage an increased motor truck equipment would have when it is reported that those actually in use are unable to negotiate part of the desert and that the expedition is constantly moving further away from its base.

Army officers say that there are now awaiting transportation several thousand tons of supplies, and the government warehouses in El Paso are filled to overflowing. These supplies could be rapidly moved had we the requested permission of Carranza to use the Mexican railways.

In response to a statement that trouble with the Carranza authorities at Juarez could be avoided by crossing the supplies in motor trucks to a point south of the town and then loaded on the cars, General Bell said that if permission to use the railroad was given the supplies would be loaded on the cars in El Paso, taken across the international bridge and sent forward.

A feeling of pessimism regarding the outcome of the expedition pervades army circles, as some of the officers believe that unless the supplies are soon forwarded the American force will be hampered if not halted. At any rate, every day lost by our troops is so much clear gain to Villa, who is able to move rapidly and is losing himself in the mountains.

There is nothing to indicate what Carranza hopes to gain by holding back the permission to use the railroads. He certainly has expressed himself as being in favor of the pursuit of his arch enemy, and the Mexican people as a whole are satisfied with the situation.

While it has been distinctly stated that there was no intention of failing in respect for the dignity of the de facto government, the present situation makes it imperative for Carranza to understand that we are not disposed to delay any longer, and that he must either live up to his agreement to aid us in every possible way or else openly declare his hostility to us.

His policy from the very beginning has been one of vacillation and delay. Even in response to the American note of recognition he was not disposed to answer us promptly, but appeared to thing that there was "a string" to our offer. He has met every request for decisive action by protestations of friendship, grandiloquent declarations concerning the honor and dignity of himself and his followers, and the most discreditable exhibition of evasion and paltering.

The use of the railroads by the Americans could not possibly work any damage to the Mexican people or the de facto government. On the contrary, it would aid in finally disposing of one of the greatest menaces to the Carranza government now in existence.

The roads are not now used to any great extent by the Mexican people or the Mexican government. One use to which the railroad was lately put was to bring large reinforcements to Juarez when our troops entered the Chihuahua desert. But there is no need of further troop movements from the border to the region where our forces now are, and no pretext can be discovered for the refusal to permit their use; that is, any pretext that will hold water.

It is not likely that the present urgent request for a prompt reply will receive any notice from Carranza. He is not used to being hurried, especially when he is considering some new way of evading the fulfillment of his promises, and he feels perfectly safe in acting as he is now doing after the repeated assurances that no injury is intended to the peace and dignity of Mexico.

But an ultimatum might bring forth some response, and it begins to look as if Washington is getting tired of the repeated delays.

PLAN FOR THE FUTURE.

In another week the city election will have been held and the present city officers, who have no opposition for their re-election, will again take up the work of governing the city for another two years.

During the past two years many improvements have been made, but not even the most complacent of the friends of the administration will deny that there are many more that are needed before Laredo will be in her proper rank in Texas.

One of the most pressing needs—one, by the way, that has been frequently mentioned in these columns—is that of paved streets. It is safe to say that there is not a city of the size of Laredo in the United States, cer-

tainly not one of her commercial importance, that is entirely without paved streets as we are.

There is not a day passes that some visitor to our city does not comment—in most cases, adversely—upon the lack of enterprise shown by the condition of our streets. It is not really lack of enterprise, but we have gotten into a rut of indifference to conditions that does not promise well for the future.

Most of the property owners of Laredo would be satisfied to see an increase in our taxes if we were to secure an improvement such as street paving. Every proposition that has been submitted to the property taxpayers for the improvement of Laredo has met with their approval.

The improvement of the market plaza, the beautifying of Jarvis plaza, the construction of two new bridges over the Zacate and the Chacon, the construction of three new school buildings—all these were promptly voted for, and the result is a considerable advancement of Laredo along the road to progress.

Every year the merchants of Laredo lose an enormous sum through the deterioration of goods because of dust. There is little excuse for our having such streets as we now have, a streak of dust in the dry weather and a stream of mud in the wet. We are able to have paved streets, and their cost would be actually saved in a few years in the lessened destruction of merchants' stocks and household goods.

This is not intended as a reflection on the city administration. It is certain that, were the officials to be convinced that the people really wanted paved streets, they could have them without any opposition on the part of the mayor or council.

But our city officials have always been economical in their administration of the people's money. They do not want to spend a cent without full justification, and the bonding of Laredo for the sum necessary to pave even a portion of our streets is too important a decision to rest with the officials alone.

Many of our people have not agitated the question of paving for the simple reason that they have not the slightest idea what it would cost. They need to be shown that the modern method of paying for the paving that is in use in most cities would not be beyond our means.

In most cities the property owners on each side of the street are assessed one-third of the cost of the paving, the city paying the remaining one-third, as well as all crossings. In other cities the street railway companies pay their legitimate share of the cost of paving, but that is out of the question at present, as the new franchise granted the Laredo Electric and Railway Company relieves them of the burden of paving cost for ten years.

Estimates could be secured and plans submitted by the city engineer at a small cost to the people, and now it would seem to be a good time to begin this work. As soon as an estimate of the cost of the paving of our most important streets was furnished the people could be called upon to decide the question. Every month that we delay now means that much more delay in the completion of the work.

Another British steamer was sunk and two Americans aboard made affidavit that she was torpedoed without warning. This makes another case to be added to the long list concerning which we are still sending and receiving "notes."

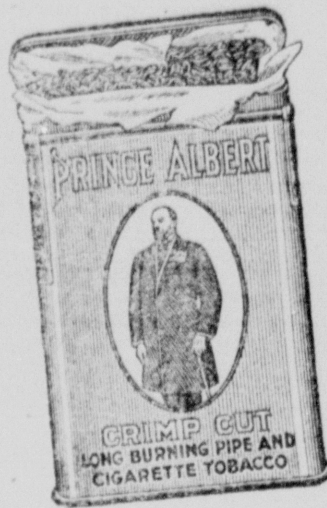
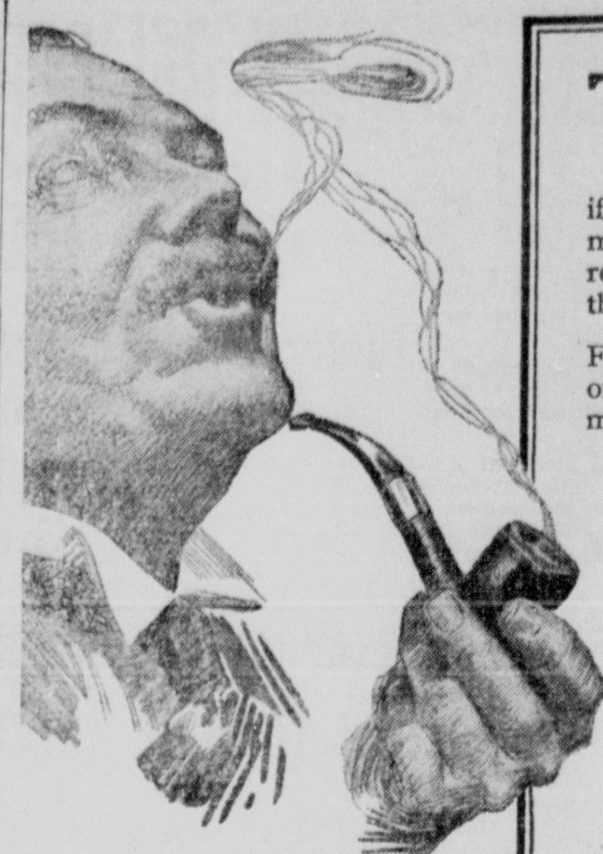
The people of Mexico are reported as quietly acquiescing in the pursuit of Villa by American troops. Of course, there is but a small percentage of the Mexican people who are in favor of robbery and murder.

It is evident that the National house is not in favor of wasting any more time on unimportant affairs at the present time. The committee on Judiciary postponed indefinitely the consideration of all proposals for prohibition or suffrage legislation. This practically sends them over to the next session.

That raid on the ranch of former Mayor Kelly of El Paso indicates that it might have been done by someone other than the Villistas. Kelly was not disliked by the Villistas, from all accounts, and there were others who had personal enmity for him.

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TRAINLOADS OF BERMUDAS BEING RUSHED TO MARKET

CROP IN THE LAREDO SECTION IS BEING HANDLED FAST

Yield of Onions This Season Will Fall Far Below Early Calculations and Will Not Exceed 1,800 Cars.

The onion rush has been on for some days now, and the manner in which the Bermuda bulbs are rolling out of the Laredo section destined for markets in all parts of the United States is an illustration of the saying that the onions are going like the proverbial "hot cakes." Some few growers are harvesting and marketing their produce with all possible celerity to get the prevailing market price while it is maintained at a good figure. Others are shipping lightly.

Present indications are that the total onion crop this year will be diminished far below the estimate at first placed on it and that there will be less than 1,800 cars shipped out. Had not the ravages of thrip and other pestiferous insects been so pronounced and their deleterious work so extensive the probability is there would have been between 2,500 and 3,000 carloads of onions rolling out of

Laredo this season, but the devastating work of the injurious bugs was so heavy that the crop has been cut about one-third.

In some sections of the county the work of destruction done by the thrip and other pests almost entirely devastated the fields of any onion growth in any places, while in another place the production was decreased from other causes. Then in another section of the county, especially in South Laredo, quite a disparity is shown in comparison with the crops of onions grown elsewhere. In South Laredo the thrip and other pests were scarce, and in some places they did not manifest their presence at all, with the consequence that abundant crops were made by the onion growers in that section—contrasted to almost utter failures of crops of a similar kind in North Laredo and that immediate section. This condition has not existed heretofore during onion growing seasons, but this year the farmers of the South Laredo section are accredited with having good yields of onions, while the growers of the North Laredo region on the other hand are confronted with practically dismal failures, for the yields are infinitesimally small compared to the acreage devoted to onion culture.

SAYS NORMAL CONDITIONS PREVAIL THROUGH MEXICO

AND MEXICANS TAKE OPTIMISTIC VIEW OF AMERICAN INVASION

Carranza Officials Have Explained Object of the Americans Crossing Line and People Satisfied.

According to information brought here by a prominent American who arrived last night from the interior of Mexico, normal conditions prevail in all parts of the Mexican republic from Nuevo Laredo south to Aguascalientes and beyond there and the Mexican people as a whole are taking an optimistic view of the work of the American punitive expedition which is now scouring the Sierra Madre mountains in quest of the elusive and wily bandit, Pancho Villa.

"Everywhere that I stopped," said the American, "I heard only favorable comment on the American government and the task it has undertaken to rid Mexico of Villa. At first the people were wont to let their fears become such that they engendered a feeling of quiet hatred for the Americans, but the irascible kind were quickly suppressed. Carranza officials, realizing that the worst might come from ignorance on the part of the masses as to the exact purport of the American punitive expedition, immediately set about to enlighten the people on what it really meant.

"Carranza officials addressed the rank and file of the army, explained the purpose of the expedition in a most comprehensive manner and now the soldiery of the Carranza army are feeling friendly to the Americans. All alarmists have been restrained or warned to desist from their work, with the consequence that today, instead of feeling a spirit of aversion toward the Americans, the Mexicans of the section where I visited are in hearty co-operation with the Americans in their efforts to capture Villa."

The American stated that he had learned that bandits in the region between Torreon and Durango were committing some depredations and submitting foreigners to indignities, but that this is a practice that has long been in vogue in that section. These are neither Villistas nor Zapatistas, but outright bandits who pillage and depredate every time an opportunity presents.

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HERE TOMORROW EVENING

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Which is to Be Delivered at Elks' Hall at 8:30. A Treat is Assured.

Prof. J. B. Wharey, a lecturer in the Department of English of the University of Texas in connection with the extension work will deliver a lecture at the Elks' Hall tomorrow evening at 8:30 under the auspices of the Tuesday Music and Literary Club. There will be no admission charges and through the courtesy of the club, the general public is invited.

The lecture will be along educational lines and while Mrs. J. H. Davis, president of the club, has not been advised as to the subject of the lecture, it is assumed that Dr. Wharey will discuss Tennessee and Browning, as the club has for two years been taking advantage of an extension course and this year's study has been directed chiefly to the work of these two poets.

Dr. Wharey is reputed to be a very interesting and scholarly lecturer and the public is assured of an evening of both entertainment and instruction. The purpose of these lectures is to stimulate interest in educational work and especially in the field of classic literature. Last year Dr. Griffith, also a member of the English department of the State University, delivered a lecture here under the auspices of this club and all who attended were rewarded by a most instructive and delightful presentation of the theme "Poetry." As the lecture is for the general public no one should hesitate to attend, as it is the desire of the ladies in charge to secure a large audience.

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DID NOT ARRIVE YESTERDAY

Times Was Slightly in Error Concerning Arrival of General Parker, But Officer Came in Today.

In the Times yesterday it was erroneously announced that Brigadier General James Parker, commanding the First Cavalry Brigade, with headquarters at Fort Sam Houston, had arrived in Laredo in the afternoon accompanied by his aide-de-camp, Lieutenant Hixson. The report was premature, but General Parker arrived with his aide on this morning's train.

The visiting high official of the army and commander of the brigade of which the Fourteenth Cavalry is a part, proceeded to the commanding officer's quarters at Fort McIntosh shortly after his arrival, accompanied by Colonel Brown, the commander. Shortly afterwards an inspection of the Fourteenth Cavalry Squadron at Fort McIntosh began and during his stay here General Parker will thoroughly inspect and examine into the condition of the troops stationed at Fort McIntosh.

Had Lung Trouble and Expected to Die

The many recoveries brought about by Eckman's Alternative are attracting wide attention. Read about this case.

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November, 1908. I grew steadily worse. Had two consultations. The verdict was the fever had affected my lungs and that my case was hopeless; only gave me two months to live. My physician had tried most all kinds of treatment and none did me any good, so he asked my husband if he objected to him trying a proprietary medicine. I began Eckman's Alternative. I was in bed from November 30, 1908, until February 25, 1909, and was thought dying several times. Today I am healthier and stronger than ever. (Abbreviated.)
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NEW FLOUR MILL, OPERATED BY
ELECTRICITY, MAKING FLOUR

New Plant is Modern in All Its Ap-
pointments and Highest Qualities of
Flour Are Being Produced.

The Texas-Mexican Milling Co., with Louis Joseph as manager began milling operations yesterday and those who visited the modern plant paid the operators many compliments and pronounced the outfit one of the most up-to-date of its kind. As one approaches the mill and notes the absence of the ever-present lofty smokestack he thinks he has been illusioned and is approaching a large plant of some other kind. But with the Texas-Mexican Milling Co. there is no smokestack and thus that nuisance is abated in that neighborhood. Their machinery is operated by power furnished by two motors, and the electrically driven mechanism runs with all the smoothness and is as noiseless as possible. In addition to the regular milling machinery, there is a new process separator which throws off the refuse and bad wheat and also a wheat scouring machine.

The mechanism of the new plant was installed by an expert sent here from the factory where it was made and the operations of the mill are in charge of an expert miller, F. E. Shanks, who came here from Denton. At the present time there are two grades of flour being turned out at this modern new plant, they being the "Atlas" and "Azteca," both flour of the highest patent, and "La Malinche," a second high patent grade of flour. Samples of the flour sent to Laredo people have elicited from them the highest praise and the products are pronounced equal to any flour ever brought to Laredo from anywhere.

Besides turning out the high patents of flour the mill is also producing a quantity of fine bran, Mr. Joseph states that as soon as everything gets to working right he proposes to make his flour popular with Laredo people. This makes two flour mills now doing business in Laredo, both are located within a hundred yards of each other.

IMPROVING LAREDO STREETS

One New Thoroughfare Will Be Opened
Up to Connect With New Bridge;
Three Others Being Graded.

Contractor Ramey will complete the work on the Chacon creek bridge which he is now constructing in about three weeks, and as soon as that work is finished Street Commissioner Eug. Christen will begin work on the east end of Market street and open, grade and gravel a new and direct thoroughfare immediately, diverting from the present continuation of the old street near where it approaches the new bridge only for the purpose of making a better and more direct street.

Commissioner Christen also stated that at this time he has his force of men at work on Washington, Victoria and Houston streets, where they are engaged in grading and graveling those thoroughfares from where the streets start at the I. & G. N. tracks east to the Zacate creek. All three of these thoroughfares will be made level and smooth and one of the oil companies has agreed to oil the streets from the crossings of the track to where they enter the military reservation on the west, while the streets will be oiled for one block east of the railroad tracks.

WILL BE HERE SEMI-MONTHLY

Inspector of Militia Will Come to Laredo
Every Other Wednesday to
Inspect the Milmo Rifles.

Captain Ed. M. Matson of the Milmo Rifles has received advices from the adjutant general's department to the effect that arrangements have been completed whereby inspectors of militia will visit companies of the Texas National Guard on two drill nights of each month.

The Milmo Rifles will have the inspector with them on every other Wednesday night and he will do the duty incumbent on him in inspecting and drilling the local company. The Milmo Rifles are receiving a number of recruits from the young men of the city and the company soon bids fair to have its full complement of men.

WAS TAKEN TO BROWNSVILLE

Howard Miller, Wanted in Cameron
County and Arrested Here at Re-
quest Sheriff Vann, Taken Back.

Howard Miller, an American arrested in Laredo several weeks ago at the request of Sheriff Vann of Cameron county, who says Howard is wanted in Brownsville to answer to several charges, was this morning taken back to Brownsville by Deputy Sheriff Jose Longoria of Cameron county.

Howard arrived in Laredo about two months ago and was located here by Cameron county officials, who subsequently asked that he be arrested and detained. Howard has been held in jail here the past six weeks.

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SOCIETY

Mrs. Violet S. Oberfeldt
Editor . . . Phone 70

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Tuesday.

The Tuesday Music and Literary Club will hold its regular meeting at four o'clock in the afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. H. Davis.

The Christ Church Junior Auxiliary will meet with Mrs. Charles Cook at the Rectory at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The Sunbeam Band of the Baptist Church will meet at the church at four o'clock in the afternoon with Mrs. Ab-shear, as leader.

Mrs. Alonzo Gray is entertaining at five o'clock with an afternoon tea, complimenting Mrs. Coulter and the visiting ladies at the Post.

Laredo Choral Club will meet with Mrs. T. A. Austin at eight o'clock sharp.

Called meeting of Miriam Chapter No. 86 O. E. S. at the Masonic Hall at eight o'clock in the evening.

Ladies Night at the Ninth Infantry Club.

Wednesday.

Mrs. Harrell will entertain with a bridge luncheon at half after nine o'clock in the morning.

Christ Church Parish Guild will meet with Mrs. Donovan at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Miss Edna Brown will entertain the members of the Girl's Social Club at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The Philathea Society will give an entertainment at the Methodist church at eight o'clock in the evening.

April in Kentucky.

(In Memoriam of Madison Cowdin.)
Thy slopes are golden with the glow
The dandelion scatters;
Thy hills and vales are decked with green,
To hide the winter's tatters.

Afar I hear the flutes of birds
That seem all sad from singing:
"He comes no more among us here
To set thy woodlands ringing!"

General Mention.

Mrs. Ethel Richardson of Asherton spent the week-end as a guest of Mrs. Elizabeth Lobdell of North Laredo. On her return home she was accompanied by Mrs. Moehm and children and Mr. Asher Smith, who will be her guests for several days. Mr. Jack Lobdell and his mother took the party to Asherton in their automobile.

Mrs. E. A. Lilly of Pearsall, who has been the guest of Mrs. J. O. Buenz for the past few days, left on Monday for her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Windrow have moved from the Heights into the cottage on Farragut Street recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis.

Mrs. E. H. Buenz left last night for Little Rock and Hot Springs, Arkansas, on a six weeks visit to her mother, Mrs. Beene, and other relatives.

Captain Calvin Cowles arrived today from Fort Sam Houston to take station with the Medical Department of the Ninth Infantry.

Captain and Mrs. Ryan of Fort McIntosh received a note yesterday from their son who is with the Seventh Cavalry in Mexico, the note being brought by Lieutenant Townsend F. Dodd, who made the trip from General Pershing's base to Columbus, New Mexico, in the aeroplane. This is the first news which they have had from him since the troops went in and although he did not state anything but that he continued well, still it was a relief to hear that much.

Announcements.

The young people of the Philadelphia Society will give an entertainment Wednesday evening at eight o'clock at the Methodist church. An attractive program is being arranged and refreshments will be free. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Club Notes.

The general meeting of the Woman's Club was held at the residence of Mrs. W. N. Young yesterday afternoon, with Mrs. R. A. Millar as leader. The regular routine of business was transacted, after which Mrs. Young was elected delegate to the Fifth District meeting of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, to be held in Kingsville April 5, 6 and 7. Mrs. Carlota Warwick was elected alternate. At the close of the business session Rev. H. B. Woods gave a talk on his personal experiences in the work of the Associated Charities, which was of much interest to his hearers. Mrs. S. R. Anderson, Mrs. R. L. Puster and Mrs. Jesse Applewhite were appointed a committee to cooperate with the Associated Charities in Laredo. The next meeting will be held on the third Monday in April.

Delightful Outing.

Little Misses Dorothy and Virginia Moon entertained most pleasantly on Saturday afternoon with a hay ride to their home in South Laredo where after playing merrily for an hour, refreshments were served from a long table which held as a centerpiece a big bowl of pink sweet peas on a linen centerpiece embroidered in blue. Dainty blue crepe paper baskets with tiny sprays of pink sweet peas on the handles were filled with bonbons and placed as favors at each place. The same color scheme of pink and blue was carried out in the place cards and in the ice course. Sandwiches, cakes, and ice cream were served. The afternoon was one of rare delight for the little folk and one that will long be remembered. Those present were: Carolyn Brennan, Mary Cook, Mary Besse MacDonald, Anita Lane, Minerva G'Sell, Anna May Mussett, Dorothy Derby, Lois Derby, Marjorie Lou Fish, Emilie Halseil, Elizabeth Kingman, Ralph Cook, Dorothy and Virginia Moon came to town in the big canvas covered wagon for their guests who were chaperoned by Reverend Mr. Cook and Mrs. Cook.

A Pretty Wedding.
The parlor of the Hamilton Hotel has been the scene of many weddings, but none perhaps ever quite so charming as the one occurring yesterday evening at eight o'clock, when Miss Charlotte Streit, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Streit of Monterey, Mexico, became the bride of Mr. George Carr, also of Monterey. Loving friends had transformed the room with potted ferns and flowers. The mantel was banked in palms, while ferns and flowers wreathed the chandelier. Roses were everywhere in bowls and vases, making a setting worthy of the lovely bride, who wore an exquisite but simple girlish gown of white, composed almost entirely of hand-made lace. Orange blossoms were in her hair and she carried an arm bouquet of bride's roses and ferns. She had no attendants, but was given in marriage by her father, and Rev. Walter Barr of the Methodist church read the marriage lines. The friends witnessing the ceremony were: Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Fitzsimmons, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Yaeger, Mr. and Mrs. Lastering, Mr. and Mrs. Bisham, Mr. and Mrs. Carnahan, Mr. and Mrs. Abel, Mrs. J. Austin, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Arthur E. Derby, Mrs. Van Hoose, Miss Marguerite Yaeger and Miss Grace Murphy, all of Monterey.

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CHICAGO AWAITS YOUNG SWIMMING WONDER.

Chicago, March 28.—The 1916 junior national indoor swimming championships will be held tomorrow and Thursday at the Illinois Athletic Club, and special interest in the event centers this year in the person of Russell Dean of Yale and the New York A. C., who recently tied the world's swimming mark for 100 yards with the back stroke. Dean is coming with the New York swimmers.

The following events will be contested by young swimmers from the east and middle west: 100 yards, 500 yards, fancy diving, 150 yards back stroke and 200 yards breast stroke.

SUFFRAGE MAY GET ANOTHER VOTE IN CONGRESS.

Washington, March 28.—It will be decided today by vote of the full membership of the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives whether the Susan B. Anthony amendment for women suffrage will be taken from the shelf and placed before the House for a vote at the present session. Last month the amendment was pigeon-holed until next session, but the suffragist workers got busy and secured the promise of another consideration in the committee.

While predictions can usually be made with a fair degree of accuracy, because of the avowed attitude of the several members of the committee toward the suffrage question, there is reason to believe that the measure will be reported out, perhaps by a small majority of one or two votes. This would be a distinct victory for the suffrage lobby, even though there is small prospect of a carrying vote in the House itself.

FEDERAL COMMISSION PROBES GASOLINE RATES.

Washington, March 28.—Special investigators of the Federal Trade Commission are combing the country for data concerning the high cost of gasoline. Refiners, jobbers, retailers and garage men are being consulted, and a great mass of data has been obtained. Some of it was furnished willingly and other information was secured only by the most difficult inspection of records.

The results of the investigation will be made public in six or seven weeks, according to Commissioner Harris who is conducting the investigation. Accurate information as to the cause of the rise in gasoline prices will be given the public and Congress.

Complaints have come from many sections of the country concerning gasoline prices, and the Federal Trade Commission, which was organized for just such purposes, began a general probe into the causes. Whether the laws of demand and supply have caused the rise in rates, or whether the oil magnates are out to "milk the public," as charged by many of the complainants, it is one of the Commission's duties to decide.

SOME COW.

G. W. Monroe, living south of the city, has a cow that has broken the record. It is keeping two families, one of six persons and another of three, besides furnishing D. D. Lilley's milk route with cream, and raising two flourishing calves.—Owosso Press-American.

THE FATAL MISPRINT.

Dr. Marcus Herz of Berlin is credited with saying to a patient who read medical books diligently in order to prescribe for himself: "Be careful, my friend. Some fine day you'll die of a misprint."

PERSONALS

M. B. Despaigne of Torrecillas is a visitor in the city.

W. H. Irvine, manager of the Laredo Water Company returned this morning from a short business trip to Palestine.

Rev. L. H. Wharton returned this morning from Austin. Mrs. Wharton remained there under medical treatment and will be there for some time. Her many friends will be glad to know that Rev. Wharton says that when he left she was doing nicely.

ROSS:—Pedro Alanis Tamez and family, Monterey; Wm. Wood, Saltillo; D. G. Schnk, San Antonio; P. J. Merritt, Dallas; T. F. Kelling, W. N. Talaferro, San Antonio; G. Bortoni, Monterey; C. A. Lampan, San Antonio; M. E. Davila, Saltillo.

BENDER:—D. R. Oliver, L. T. Lewis, C. O. Harris, Asherton; Hugh Kendrick and wife, San Antonio; H. J. Reeder, Monterey; Daught Furress, Evanston, Ill.; C. O. Richardson, Willard; G. H. Baillio, San Antonio; Geo. B. Tennell, Alto; Muri O'Keefe, Chicago; J. H. Dyer, Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Whitaker, Cotton Gunther, Reiser; M. S. Michael, New Orleans; F. M. Walker, Houston; Geo. P. Bul-backer, El Paso; Ben Richardson, San Antonio; R. Joseph, Cincinnati, O.; Ralph Smith, San Antonio; G. Schatt, Louisville, Ky.; Morris G. Grumberg, Houston; W. D. M. Millan, Dallas; M. D. Struna, Corpus Christi; J. E. Byard, New York; C. C. Lary, San Antonio; R. R. Barrett, Detroit, Mich.; Thos. Booth, G. C. Graham, Geo. S. Gray, Albert V. Moran, Cale G. Ives, San Antonio; J. H. Medwart, Dallas; E. L. Harrington, Fort Worth; J. W. Wilson, Dallas; S. V. Patrick, San Antonio.

PROCLAMATION.

I, M. S. Ryan, President of the School Board of the Independent School District, of Laredo Texas, by virtue of the power vested in me, by law, do hereby order an election in this Independent District to be held on the first Saturday in April, 1916, the same being the 1st day of April, 1916, for the purpose of electing three Trustees of this Board to succeed the members thereof whose term of office expires in April, 1916.

The following voting places are hereby designated Polls, and at which polls the following named persons are hereby appointed election officers:

The polling place for Precincts Nos. 1 and 2, shall be at Central Grammar School Building, and the officers thereof shall be, Oscar Starn, presiding judge of election; G. R. Jimenez and Emeterio Mendoza, associate judges.

The polling place for Precincts Nos. 3 and 4, shall be at the School house building on the corner of Farragut Street and Santa Clotilde Avenue, and the officers thereof shall be, P. P. Leyendecker, presiding judge of election, and Bish McClelland and Geo. C. Campbell, associate judges.

The polls are required to be opened promptly for one day only, at 8 o'clock, A. M. and to close at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Said election shall be conducted under the General laws of the State of Texas.

Given under my official signature this 17th day of March, A. D. 1916.

M. S. RYAN,
President.
J. P. LEYENDECKER,
Ass't Secretary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Times is authorized to announce the names of the following persons as candidates for City Offices to be voted for at the coming City Election, April 4, 1916:

INDEPENDENT CLUB TICKET.

For Mayor,
ROBT. McCOMB.
For City Secretary,
A. V. WOODMAN.
For City Marshal,
M. BRENNAN.
For City Assessor,
J. C. MARTIN.
For City Collector,
D. C. de LACHICA.
For City Treasurer,
J. A. ORTIZ.
For City Attorney,
A. WINSLOW.
For Aldermen, Ward No. 1,
H. HEIN,
JOHN MAHER.
For Aldermen Ward No. 2,
JOE HENRY,
C. FARIAS.
For Aldermen, Ward No. 3,
J. S. WESTBROOK,
JOE LEYENDECKER.
For Aldermen Ward No. 4,
J. T. AGAN,
J. E. BIGGIO.
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Many people cough and cough— from the beginning of Fall right through to Spring. Others get cold after cold. Take Dr. King's New Discovery and you will get almost immediate relief. It checks your cold, stops the racking, rasping, tissue-tearing cough, heals the inflammation, soothes the raw tubes. Easy to take, Antiseptic and Healing. Get a 50c. bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery today. "It is certainly a great medicine and I keep a bottle of it continually on hand" writes W. C. Jesseman, Franconia, N. H. Money back if not satisfied.

CARRANZA WILL BE PRESSED FOR REPLY TO REQUEST FOR USE OF THE RAILROADS

Army Officers Pessimistic Concerning Pursuit of Villa, which They Say is Doomed to be Hampered if Not Halted Unless the Railroad is Used for Transportation of Troop Supplies.

INDICTMENTS WERE QUASHED BY COURT

STEEL COMPANIES CLAIMED
THEY WERE TOO INDEFINITE
AND DEPRIVED THEM
OF THEIR RIGHTS.

By Associated Press.
Yungstown, Ohio, March 28.—Judge Anderson today granted a motion to quash indictments recently returned here against five steel companies, charging them with fixing the price of labor and steel products. The indictments against the United States Steel Corporation and F. H. Gary still stand, as no motion to quash them was filed. The indictments were attacked as being too indefinite and uncertain, depriving the defendants of constitutional rights.

FLOOD CONDITIONS SERIOUS.

By Associated Press.
Columbus, Ohio, March 28.—Flood conditions in central and northern Ohio were serious today. Thousands of acres of the lowlands were inundated by creeks and rivers risen out of the banks and hundreds of families were rendered homeless. The property damage is not great and no lives are reported lost.

AGUINALDO BROUGHT IN FIFTEEN YEARS AGO TODAY.

Washington, March 28.—It was on March 28, 1901, just fifteen years ago today, that Aguinaldo, the Filipino revolutionist, was brought into Manila a prisoner of the United States government. That event brought into the limelight General Frederick D. Funston, who is now directing the American forces sent to capture Villa. There were many conditions in the Philippine task that resemble those under which the troops are working in Mexico.

Aguinaldo maintained a system of outposts that kept him in touch with what was going on. It is known that Villa is well supplied with similar sources of information. Villa has followed the tactics of the Filipino chief by retiring to the mountains. Funston decided in the Philippine hunt that it was impossible to catch the insurgent leader by going after him openly; and the question has been raised here as to whether the strategy which was used to effect Aguinaldo's capture will be repeated in the Mexican mountains this Spring.

It was on March 6, 1901, that the Funston party started out from Manila. For the most part, the members were natives. These were dressed and armed like the insurgents. Funston and his fellow officers were dressed as privates in the American army, and were taken along as prisoners. Reaching the lair of Aguinaldo, the disguised natives shot down the guards, while Funston and his fellow officers rushed in and took Aguinaldo personally. The triumphant return of the party from their hazardous undertaking was hailed as the end of the revolution in the Philippines.

The following month, Aguinaldo took the oath of allegiance to the United States and wrote a proclamation ending the fighting. Since that time, the Filipino chief has kept out of politics. His first public appearance since his voluntary exile from politics was during the celebration in Manila of the election of President Wilson. He delivered an address on that occasion.

Aguinaldo is a peaceful farmer at Kawite, in the province of Cavite. He is a student of modern methods of agriculture and banking. His daughter is being educated in American schools. He is a thoroughly good Filipino, and General Funston says he is one of the best natives he ever met.

Will Villa be brought in? Will it be by open force or by strategy? Will he be turned from his evil ways? and will Mexico be freed from its endless revolutions and bloodshed? These are the questions that officials are speculating upon.

PROPOSALS FOR DRAFT AND PACK MULES:—Office Depot Quartermaster, Fort Sam Houston, Texas:—Sealed proposals will be received here until 11 a. m. Central time, April 6, 1916, and then opened for furnishing 80 draft and 10 pack mules. Further information on application.

Onion Shipments.

Forty-five cars of onions were shipped out of Laredo last night over the I. & G. N. This makes a total of 364 cars so far shipped out of this city this season.

By Associated Press.
Washington, March 28.—A memorandum pressing Carranza for an immediate reply on the request for permission to use the railroad will be sent the first chief today.

Pessimism Over Prospects.
El Paso, Texas, March 28.—There is much pessimism in army circles over the prospects of capturing Villa and it is felt that unless he is cornered within a week, the bandit will have outrun his pursuers, and it may be months before he can be ferreted out from his mountain hiding place. It is said here that unless the Mexican railroads are made available for the transportation of American supplies the pursuit will be hampered if not actually halted.

To Act Quickly.
Field Headquarters (by wireless to Columbus), March 28.—Operations for a quick, thoroughly prepared cavalry drive to get Villa are in progress today.

Quiet Acquiescence.
Washington, March 28.—The state department advices from all parts of Mexico today showed evidence of quiet acquiescence in the pursuit of Villa by the Americans. Neither the state nor the war departments received messages regarding the use of the Mexican railroads. It is thought possible that Secretary Lansing will urge Carranza to give an early answer.

Tension Was Increased.

El Paso, Texas, March 28.—There was a noticeable increase in the border tension today following the reported raid last night on the ranch of C. Kelley, former mayor of El Paso, by Mexican bandits. The ranch is 32 miles east of here and a mile and a half from the border. According to reports, several cattle were stolen and the ranch foreman beaten up. A detachment of the Eighth Infantry and some Rangers from Fabens, Texas, were sent to the ranch and searched for three hours but could not locate the raiders.

FOUR MINERS DEAD.

By Associated Press.
Bluefields, W. Va., March 28.—Four coal miners are dead and a hundred missing following an explosion in the King mine near here today.

REAL ESTATE MEN IN NATIONAL CONVENTION.

New Orleans, La., March 28.—The National Association of Real Estate Exchanges opened here today its annual convention. Over a hundred exchanges are represented, covering the leading cities of the country. Governor Luther E. Hall of Louisiana welcomed the visitors in an address at the opening session this morning. Mayor Behrman welcomed the delegates on behalf of the city. Walter C. Piper, president of the national association, is presiding, and he responded to the speeches of hospitality. The features of the opening day include a reception and dance this evening. The 2,000 real estate men are being entertained by the local exchange this afternoon. Tomorrow the convention gets down to business, and will be in session until Friday afternoon.

When the Association was formed eight years ago, only a dozen cities were represented, but since that time the spread has been steady and rapid until it now covers a greater part of the United States and Canada. The real beginning of the organization dates back about a quarter of a century, when the need for standardization of the real estate business was clearly seen.

Including the subjects of housing, city planning, sanitation, public health and business development, the programme takes on much of great public interest. These subjects will be treated at the breakfast conference to be held Wednesday morning. Hon. Myron T. Herrick will speak on real estate as an investment. Alfred H. Wagg of Malvern, N. Y., will speak on community development, and N. J. Upham of Duluth will be heard on international organization, tomorrow afternoon. J. C. Nichols of Kansas City will speak on city planning, after which a speaking contest of five minute talks will be held, the winner to receive the Chicago silver trophy cup.

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When you feel dull and stupid after eating.
When constipated or bilious.
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When you have indigestion.
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When you have no relish for your meals.
When your liver is torpid.
Obtainable everywhere.

EVEN ARTILLERY IS SILENT AT VERDUN

RECRUDESCENCE OF FIGHTING
ON THE AUSTRO-ITALIAN
FRONTIER REPORTED
FROM ROME.

By Associated Press.
Even the notable artillery action in the Verdun district has slackened, while there were no infantry operations last night at all. The German official statement today says that there was some heavy fighting at St. Eloi, where the British captured German trenches yesterday. Paris reports a surprise attack by the French in Lorraine, a German trench being blown up. Bitter fighting is again transpiring on the Austro-Italian front at Val Piccolo. Rome reports say the Italians were victorious in the preliminaries. Vienna says the Russian activity in Galicia is slackening. British airmen raided Birs-el-Hassanah, an advanced Turkish base.

Torpedoed Without Warning.
London, March 28.—Arthur MacKenzie of Savannah and Tom Flier of Delaware made affidavits to the American consul today that the British steamer Manchester Engineer, on which they were passengers, was torpedoed without warning. The sinking of the vessel was reported last night.

Inquires of Germany.
Washington, March 28.—The United States has inquired of Germany through Ambassador Gerard whether any of its submarines torpedoed the Sussex. The United States communication is an inquiry, as it has not advanced to the stage of protest or demand.

Casualty List Fifty.

London, March 28.—The British agents of the company which owned the Sussex said today that the casualty list was not expected to exceed fifty.

Submarine Situation Grave.

Washington, March 28.—When the cabinet met today the members reflected the view that the submarine situation was grave, but indicated that no decided action would be taken by the American government until it was shown conclusively that the Sussex and the Englishman were sunk by submarines.

DROPPED CONSIDERATION.

By Associated Press.
Washington, March 28.—By a vote of 10 to 9 the house judiciary committee today postponed indefinitely consideration of all suffrage and prohibition proposals pending.

BELGIAN HIKED FROM MONTREAL TO BOSTON.

Boston, March 28.—In 21 days, Cornelius Yensen, a Belgian, walked from Montreal to Boston, covering some 300 miles, through snow-covered country. After completing his unusual hike, Yensen was told he may have to leave the United States because of having arrived illegally. The young man's status has been investigated by the immigration authorities. Meanwhile, he has been working in a hospital.

According to the Belgian's story, he walked instead of rode because of a misunderstanding at Montreal, where he tried to purchase a ticket. He was told he could not enter the United States without first getting permission. Yensen, who has an inadequate knowledge of English, thought they did not care to have him ride on the railroad. Thereupon, he decided to walk. Lacking proof that the man knowingly evaded the immigration laws, Yensen may be permitted to remain on paying the customary tax of four dollars.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:
Tonight fair; warmer. Wednesday fair.

Local Weather Report.
The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today:
Max. temp. 87 degs.
Min. temp. 45 degs.
General direction of wind: South. Clear.

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A WORTHY ACT.

Laredo has a camp of the Woodmen of the World composed mostly of men of Mexican descent. The "work" of the camp is in Spanish, and the sentiments of the members are naturally with the Mexicans, although all of them are American citizens.

Ahuehete Camp has issued a public document that might well be imitated by many Americans in these critical times. The members have called upon Sovereign Commander W. A. Fraser, himself a Texan and familiar with the conditions in his native state, to do all in his power to aid in continuing "the peace, friendship and cordial relations now existing between the United States and Mexico, inasmuch as by so doing and in the face of the war horrors of Europe, we render a signal service to humanity and to our neighboring countries, preserving their strength, their blood and their economic resources for nobler causes and purposes."

In all the United States there has not been a more worthy act than that of the Woodmen who have appealed to the best sentiments of their fellow members to avert the horrors of war. They are naturally in sympathy with the aspirations and the labors of their former Mexican fellow citizens to bring forth peace out of strife, and to set the feet of the Mexicans on the path toward liberty and advancement.

But they see that one of their most pressing duties is to prevent a struggle between the people of the two countries and to aid in every way in the establishment of even more friendly relations than have obtained in the past.

The Mexican Woodmen of Laredo are among the best citizens of their blood, and they are demonstrating their loyalty to the flag of their adoption in thus calling upon those in power to do all they can to avert hostilities.

There are many among them who realize that their duty, in case that hostilities should ensue, would be to the flag and the country that they have made their own, as well as to the blood that flows in their veins, and there is little doubt that among the first volunteers in case of war would be the men who bear the Woodmen's axe and the motto: "Dum Tacet Clamat."

Fraternity has done much in modern times to relieve the horrors of war, as well as to prevent the feeling of personal enmity between those who are fighting for their respective flags.

During the Civil War many of the captured prisoners found that it was to their advantage to wear the "square and compass" and to prove that they were "on the square." Since that terrible conflict there have been many other fraternal organizations instituted, and all of them have for their basic motive the "brotherhood of man."

The Woodmen of the World, through their Mexican camp in Laredo, have proved that they have the interests of humanity at heart, and that they desire to avert the horrors of war with which both countries are threatened. They show by their attitude that they have something in mind besides a mere interest in the insurance money and the initiation of members.

Would that all the fraternal organizations in Laredo and along the border would show the same spirit of endeavoring to prevent war and to lead others to see that there is something in the brotherhood which came to us from Adam—not the brotherhood which bears the mark of Cain, but that which later times saw exemplified in the sacrifice of the One Perfect Man for all the world.

If Ahuehete Camp could read all that will doubtless be written concerning their noble appeal, they would feel that they have not failed in one of the first tenets of Woodcraft, and that they have laid the axe to one of the greatest trees in the forest of the world—the tree of the knowledge of evil.

FATAL CARELESSNESS.

A party of high school girls in Houston started out on a long "bike." Using a section of the railroad for a part of their way, two of the girls were killed when a passenger train caught them on a trestle and a third only escaped by hanging by her hands and dropping.

The reports say that the distance to drop was only eight or ten feet, which would have left only three to five feet to fall had the other girls followed the example of the one who was saved, but they were too panic-stricken to think of it.

But the real carelessness was in using the railway track at all. It is sometimes difficult for young men to

escape when using the railway tracks for a roadway, and much more so for girls who have not been accustomed to such dangerous positions.

Some time ago the I. & G. N. railway issued a "safety first" pamphlet, in which it was stated that the road had never killed a person in an accident out of the many millions it had carried. Yet many people have been killed by this railway in accidents resulting from their own carelessness.

Loading out of Houston there are many roads which might serve for a pedestrian jaunt. There would seem to be not the slightest reason for these young girls adopting the railway as their own pedestrian, right-of-way. And without some older, cooler head along to watch out for the safety of the girls, they should never have been permitted to start on the trip.

There are many thousands of maimed men and boys in this country who owe their unfortunate condition to their unwarranted use of the railway tracks. They were not employees of the road whose duty forced them to walk on the tracks. They were merely trespassers who used the tracks without any right whatsoever.

The one man who was with the party of girls is guilty of a most reprehensible act in permitting them to use the trestle as a means of crossing the bayou. Although he says he could not see the train before the party took to the trestle, others claim that the trestle is approached by a curve, and the engineer says it was impossible for him to see the girls in time to stop by using the emergency brake.

Naturally, the sympathy of the entire country will go out to the families of the two dead girls, and the parents of those who narrowly escaped death from the same accident will rejoice that their daughters were saved.

But there is little probability that the tragical affair will deter others from placing themselves in the same dangerous position, if not at the same point, at others.

Some will blame malignant fate for the terrible accident, while others will rightly see that it was due to the carelessness of the girls themselves, as well as to the negligence of the man who should have prevented the dangerous passage of the trestle.

Girls of that age are always somewhat bold and daring when it comes to athletic feats or dangerous pastimes. None of them desire to risk the imputation of cowardice, and it is likely that the spice of danger was somewhat attractive. Yet girls are not so foolhardy as boys of the same age, and it is probable that, had they believed there was any real danger to life or limb, they would not have attempted the passage of the trestle.

But a few days ago a Mexican started across the new bridge of the street railway here, and was struck by a car before the motorman could stop. This was a case of pure ignorance, but the man was seriously cut and bruised, nevertheless.

Despite warning signs and published notices of the danger of using the railway tracks and bridges as footpaths, people will persist in thus courting danger, and it is rather more surprising that more people are not hurt than that any are injured.

Your children may be injured in the same way unless you make it a point to so train them that they will not run into danger. A man advertised for a coachman, and asked applicants how near they could go to a dangerous precipice. The man who said he would keep as far away from it as possible got the job.

General Pershing will have the decision of whether to enter Casas Grandes or not, in the face of the direct prohibition of Gen. Gaviara. But those who are familiar with his work in the Moro country will not be in any doubt as to his wisdom of choice.

The Fort Worth girl bride who is alleged to have confessed killing the man she charged with ruining her is now under indictment for his murder. This is another case where "unwritten law" seems to indicate the outcome of the trial in advance.

Arredondo is getting peevisish about the holding up of ammunition for the Carranza government. Considering that we are doing our best to prevent his opponents from getting any at all, he should not be so fretful.

The British merchantman that sank a German raider deserves to be canonized at Lloyd's. She went to the bottom with her foe, but not before she had aided in the capture of the greater part of the German crew. Another British "outrage" for The Fatherland to chronicle.



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ELECTION PROCLAMATION.

I, Robert McComb, mayor of the city of Laredo, Texas, by virtue of powers vested in me, by law, do hereby order a general city election in and for the City of Laredo, Webb county, Texas, in each ward thereof, to take place on the first Tuesday in April, 1916, the same being the 4th day of April, 1916, for the purpose of electing the following city officers, to hold office during the ensuing two years:

A Mayor.
A City Secretary.
A City Assessor.
A City Collector.
A City Treasurer.
A City Attorney.
A City Marshal.

And for the election of eight (8) aldermen, two (2) for each ward in said city. Said aldermen to be voted for in their respective wards.
Two Aldermen Ward No. 1.
Two Aldermen Ward No. 2.
Two Aldermen Ward No. 3.
Two Aldermen Ward No. 4.

For the purpose of holding the said city election, the following voting places are hereby designated Polls in each ward; at which Polls the following named persons are hereby appointed election officers to hold the election for each of said city wards:

In Ward No. 1, the voting place will be the house of Francisco Sanchez Garza, No. 311 Iturbide street, and the election officers will be M. A. Hirsch, presiding judge of election; C. A. Swedberg, F. Sanchez Garza and N. C. Windrow, associate judges of election.

In Ward No. 2, the voting place will be the Engine House, 912 Matamoros street, and the election officers will be: Dario Sanchez, presiding judge of election; and Antonio Valls, A. H. Dodder and Julio R. Rodriguez, associate judges of election.

In Ward No. 3, the voting place will be the house of A. R. Garcia, 1114 Lincoln street, and the election officers will be: D. H. Sanchez, presiding judge of election; and A. H. Brunl, J. F. Harrison and P. J. MacMahon, associate judges of election.

In Ward No. 4, the voting place will be the house of J. T. Agan, No. 1620 corner of Lincoln street and Zarita avenue, and the election officers will be: C. C. Biggio, presiding judge of election; and W. N. Young, Ed. Moser and R. Joseph, associate judges of election.

The Polls are required to be opened promptly for one day only, for the reception of votes at 8 o'clock a. m. and to close at 7 o'clock p. m. Should the polls not be promptly opened at that hour, the time thus lost shall be extended beyond 7 o'clock so as to secure the full period of hours for voting purposes.

Said election shall be conducted under the general laws of the State of Texas, and the existing ordinances of the City of Laredo.

Given under my official signature and seal of the City of Laredo, Texas, this 8th day of March, A. D. 1916.
ROBERT MCCOMB, Mayor.

Attest:
A. V. WOODMAN, Secretary.

3-9-20t

PROCLAMATION.

I, M. S. Ryan, President of the School Board of the Independent School District, of Laredo Texas, by virtue of the power vested in me, by law, do hereby order an election in this Independent District to be held on the first Saturday in April, 1916, the same being the 1st day of April, 1916, for the purpose of electing three Trustees of this Board to succeed the members thereof whose term of office expires in April, 1916.

The following voting places are hereby designated Polls, and at which polls the following named persons are hereby appointed election officers:
The polling place for Precincts Nos. 1 and 2 shall be at Central Grammar School Building, and the officers thereof shall be, Oscar Staben, presiding judge of election; G. R. Jimenez and Emeterio Mendoza, associate judges.

The polling place for Precincts Nos. 3 and 4, shall be at the School house building on the corner of Farragut Street and Santa Clotilde Avenue, and the officers thereof shall be, P. P. Leyendecker, presiding judge of election, and Bish McClelland and Geo. C. Campbell, associate judges.

The polls are required to be opened promptly for one day only, at 8 o'clock, A. M. and to close at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Said election shall be conducted under the General laws of the State of Texas.

Given under my official signature this 17th day of March, A. D. 1916.
M. S. RYAN, President.

Attest:
J. P. LEYENDECKER, Ass't Secretary.

3-17-10t.

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1634—Leonard Calvert arrived with 200 settlers to govern Maryland. He established religious liberty and granted lots of 50 acres to each emigrant.

1794—Convention of Denmark and Sweden for mutual defense of their rights.

1802—Treaty of Amiens signed by England, Spain, France and the Batavian Republic, now Holland.

1839—Chinese government burned \$9,000,000 worth of opium owned by British subjects.

1854—France declared war against Russia.

1866—Alliance between Prussia and Italy was signed.

1891—Bulgarian Minister of Finance, M. Belcheff, was shot dead at Sofia.

1915—Villas forces besieged Matamoros.

1915—THE WAR:
French capture heights of Hartmann's Valleykopf. Russian drive successful in Carpathians despite Austrian reinforcements. British steamer Falaba sunk off Wales by German submarine; 111 lives lost, including one American.

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Through fast train for St. Louis leaves at 12:40 and arrives at 2:15 p. m.

I. & G. N. Night Train.
Leaves at 8 p. m. and arrives at 7:15 a. m.

Rio Grande & Eagle Pass.
Train No. 1 leaves Laredo daily except Sunday at 8 a. m. Arrives at Minera at 10:30 a. m.

Train No. 2 leaves Minera daily except Sunday at 1:15 p. m. Arrives at Laredo at 2:30 p. m.

Farmers and others who live at a distance from a drug store should keep in the house a bottle of BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT. It may be needed at any time for cuts, wounds, sores, sprains or rheumatism. It is a powerful healing and penetrating remedy. Price 25, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

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BANDITS FIRED UPON TRAIN FROM TORREON BUT MISSED

AMERICANS ENDANGERED BY BULLETS FROM VILLISTAS.

Passenger Train Preceded and Followed by Carranza Troop Trains Was Fired Upon by Villistas.

Although under fire for several minutes near Sacramento, between Torreon and Saltillo, twenty-five Americans from Durango were unhurt, as they were protected by a military train loaded with Carranza soldiers which closely followed their train.

A military train also preceded the passenger train, but it passed a burning bridge and halted on the far side to put out the fire. While the passenger train was momentarily halted, the bandits opened fire from long range, but the following military train came up and engaged the Villistas and drove them off.

Among the passengers was Mrs. Homer C. Coen, wife of the vice consul now in charge of affairs at Durango. Mr. Coen remained at his post, as he had received no orders from the state department to leave. Among other Americans who remained in Durango were three American women who chose to stay with their husbands rather than come to the American side and leave them.

This is Mrs. Coen's third trip out of Mexico because of conditions, but she said she would not return until Mexico was completely pacified. The Americans were unanimous in stating that they feared trouble for those who remained, as the district is strongly Villista in sympathy and when the lower class Mexicans learn of the American pursuit of Villa it is believed they will rise against the Americans.

PROPOSALS FOR DRAFT AND PACK MULES.—Office Depot Quartermaster, Fort Sam Houston, Texas:—Sealed proposals will be received here until 11 a. m., Central time, April 6, 1916, and then opened for furnishing 80 draft and 10 pack mules. Further information on application.

HE WAS CAUGHT IN THE ACT.

Man Had Quantity of Good Mexican Cigars in His Possession and Wanted to Evade Paying Duties.

On Saturday morning Saturnino Martinez was detected in the act of smuggling a quantity of cigars across the river to the American side. The detention and arrest was made by customs guards and the quantity of cigars taken from the possession of Señor Martinez aggregated 130 boxes.

On Saturday afternoon Martinez was arraigned before United States Commissioner Foster in preliminary hearing and given an opportunity to explain "por que" he was endeavoring to evade the law and cheat the government out of duties. His explanation was seemingly unsatisfactory and he was ordered to the county cooler unless he could give a stipulated bond, which he could not provide.

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DISTRICT COURT AT COTULLA

Finished Work at Pearsall Saturday and Officials Gathered at Cotulla for Term This Morning.

District court, after a three weeks session at Pearsall, concluded its work on Saturday and adjourned for the term. Judge Chambliss, who had presided in place of Judge Mullaly, who was at Beeville, returned to his business several days previous and returned here.

Yesterday District Attorney Valls and Court Stenographer Wilcox left for Cotulla to be present at the meeting of court this morning. It was reported that Bruce W. Teagarden of San Antonio would be selected as special judge to preside at the court pending the absence of Judge Mullaly in Beeville.

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Price 50c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Hockheimer had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

LITTLE LOCALS

—A little Mexican girl, while playing on the track of the R. G. & E. P. Ry. Co. in the northwestern part of the city yesterday morning, met with a painful accident, when it is said she was knocked down by a boxcar and had one of her feet cut off at the ankle. No details of the accident could be learned.

—The finest line of wall paper in Laredo. D. D. Cline. Office phone 850-W. 3-24-tf.

—The past two days have been ideal ones from the standpoint of weather conditions. The days, it is true, have been unusually warm for the gentle springtime period, but the nights, they are cool and pleasant and make up for all the shortcomings of the daytime.

—Old hats made new by the Modern Hatter. 1120 Farragut street. 3-16-1m.

—The farmers are much interested in the work which has been undertaken by the men from the office of markets of the United States Department of Agriculture who have established a branch office in Laredo and will remain until the close of the onion-shipping season. They are materially assisting the onion-growers in more ways than one.

—We buy and sell real estate. D. D. Cline. Phone 850-W. 3-24-tf.

—The picture shows were crowded to their utmost capacities yesterday afternoon and last night. Both the Royal and Strand had good programs on and the large and appreciative audiences that were on hand demonstrated their approval of the humorous parts of the pictures by their frequent applause.

—Now is the time to clip your horses. We do it at a reasonable charge. Laredo Transfer Co. Phone 864. 1-27-tf.

—Margarita Fischer tonight at the Royal in "THE MIRACLE OF LIFE."

—Construction work on the Laredo National Bank, the Bertani and the restaurant buildings is progressing now to that extent where all are in an advanced state, and on both the bank building and the restaurant building bricklaying work is finished. On the Bertani building brickwork on the first floor is finished.

—Have four finest building lots on the Heights for sale. D. D. Cline. Phone 850-W. 3-24-tf.

—A prominent American arriving from Monterey yesterday stated that everything is quiet there and that the people as a general rule are watching the progress of the punitive expedition with interest and much concern in the efforts of the United States troops to capture the wily Pancho Villa. There is very little opposition shown to the American invasion of Mexico.

—Teacher of English, Spanish and Gregg Shorthand, evening lessons only. Apply Will W. Gregg, Times office. 10-11-tf.

—With the exception of the mining company employees, most of the American refugees who came to Laredo in their getaway from Mexico have gone elsewhere to remain until conditions so change as to justify their returning to the republic to the south.

—Handkerchiefs, laces, domestics, lawns and house furnishings at Saft's. 2-29-tf.

—For self starter work see Yeary at the Citizens Garage. 6-25-tf.

—There are two elections near at hand. On Saturday of this week an election will be held to elect school trustees of the Independent School District of Laredo. On Tuesday of next week an election will be held to elect a mayor and set of city officials and aldermen. In neither instance is there any opposition.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office. 6-5-tf (Adv.)

—On three out of four days there will be a "drouth" in Laredo, for the saloons and liquor establishments will be closed. They close on Saturday on account of the school trustee election and remain closed on Sunday because of the law. They open on Monday and close again on Tuesday on account of the municipal election. "A word to the wise," etc.

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans. 4-24-tf. (Adv.)

—If it is neat and accurate job printing that you want send your orders to The Times job department. Expert workmanship and the best of materials. 1-9-tf.

MARKETING MEETING WAS HELD YESTERDAY MORNING

ONION GROWERS WILL PERFECT ORGANIZATION TONIGHT.

Co-operation of All Factors Assured for Marketing of Onion Crop—Activities of Farmers.

Fifty or sixty onion growers, buyers and sales agents met yesterday morning at the Chamber of Commerce to hear Mr. O. W. Schleussner explain the work of the U. S. Office of Markets planned for the marketing of the Bermuda onion crop this season. It was deemed necessary to form a chartered organization, non-profit bearing in its character and to expedite matters in this connection a meeting of all of the farmers of Webb County was set for tonight at eight o'clock at the Chamber of Commerce. Every farmer in the county is urged to attend this meeting and all buyers and sales agents are invited, as it will be an onion meeting in which the marketing question will be uppermost.

Mr. Schleussner said yesterday that the U. S. Office of Markets now has representatives in the following markets: New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Pittsburgh, Buffalo, St. Paul and will cover Baltimore, Detroit, Sioux City, Des Moines, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Denver, Indianapolis.—In all twenty markets will be covered.

The government is furnishing information as to car shipments, obtained from the railroads, that would not be accessible to any private individual. Daily records of all destinations and of diversions from St. Louis and other points will be wired here. This matter will be tabulated from day to day for comparative purposes and bulletins issued and distributed. These bulletins are now posted at the Chamber of Commerce, the Post Office and in the lobbies of the Hotel Bender and Hotel Hamilton. All information will be released at two o'clock each afternoon.

If, for example, Cleveland was receiving too large a supply for that market to consume, this information will enable the growers and shippers to divert cars intended for Cleveland to a better market.

The growers and marketing agencies yesterday unanimously agreed to co-operate with the Office of Markets in the matter of utilizing this information. The consensus of opinion showed that there will be but little more than half of a crop this year. The Webb County production was generally estimated as less than 1,800 cars and the total production from Texas variously estimated. Roy Campbell estimated the crop at 3,450. The estimates ran as low as 3,200 and no estimates were above 4,000.

REFUGEES WERE RELEASED FROM THE DETENTION CAMP

AMERICANS HAD BEEN HELD IN QUARANTINE PAST 2 WEEKS.

Only One Member of Party Died of Typhus, While Other Stricken One Is Now on Road to Recovery.

The thirty-four Americans from Monterey who arrived here about two weeks ago in a boxcar from that place with two members of the party, Doctors Oblitzky and Husk, down with typhus, and who were placed in tents near the city detention hospital, were released on Saturday evening and a number of them took the next train for their former homes in other states.

When these refugees were brought to the American side after a consultation between the federal, state and city health departments, and were ordered placed in the tents on the American side, the tents in which the Americans were placed were isolated from the two doctors stricken with the dreadful malady. Dr. Husk, one of the medicos, succumbed last week to the malady and his remains were sent elsewhere for interment.

The two nurses who were retained here to attend the stricken physicians, left Saturday night for El Paso. Dr. Oblitzky, the other medico of the Guggenheim foundation who has been ill with typhus, is gradually recovering from the effects of his illness and will soon fully recuperate.

Luckily, no other cases other than the two which were in course of development when the party of refugees arrived developed and the Americans were very anxious for the time limit to pass which assured them that they were safe and could be discharged from quarantine. Accordingly, as soon as many of the refugees were released they immediately arranged for their departure, with the result that most of them left here Saturday night.

Unveiled Woodman Monument.

About fifty Woodmen, representing the three Woodmen Camps of Laredo, with the impressive ceremonies of Woodcraft, unveiled a monument to the late Sovereign Wm. Simpson yesterday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. J. E. Trout was master of ceremonies and J. S. Westbrook was consul commander for Grape Camp, of which the deceased was a member. A quartette composed of W. R. Pace, Mrs. J. G. Burr, Miss Annie Pace and Rev. C. W. Cook rendered the ceremonial hymns, and the poem "Oh, Why Should the Spirit of Mortal Be Proud" was read by the camp reader, L. J. Perkins. Mrs. Simpson and family were also present at the unveiling.

For Neat and Accurate Job Work ring up 43.

SOCIETY

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SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Monday.

The Woman's Club will meet with Mrs. W. N. Young at four o'clock in the afternoon. All members are cordially invited to attend.

The Pythian Sisters will hold their regular semi-monthly meeting at the K. of P. Hall at o'clock in the evening.

Tuesday.

The Tuesday Music and Literary Club will hold its regular meeting at four o'clock in the afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. H. Davis.

The Christ Church Junior Auxiliary will meet with Mrs. Charles Cook at the Rectory at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The Sunbeam Band of the Baptist Church will meet at the church at four o'clock in the afternoon with Mrs. Ab-shear, as leader.

Called meeting of Miriam Chapter No. 86 O. E. S. at the Masonic Hall at eight o'clock in the evening.

Ladies Night at the Ninth Infantry Club.

The Mother.

Some saw her toll-worn hands; their roughened skin

Betraying mental tasks and ceaseless grind;

Work brings contentment to the mind within,

But leaves no rose-leaves on the path behind.

And others, glancing at her figure bowed,

Counted her meekness as a servile brand;

And, poorly clad, they dreamed not she was proud

And lived a life they could not understand.

But some there were who met her patient eyes

And read their meaning as she walked alone;

They held the mystery of the quiet sides—

For baby hands had nestled in her own.

—By Jane McLean, in New York Journal.

General Mention.

Mr. Sam Mackin went to San Antonio on Saturday on a short stay.

The many friends of Dr. H. Stow Garlick will be glad to hear that he is enjoying a delightful vacation. He is now in Georgia, after having visited in New Orleans during the Mardi Gras.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Millar, accompanied by Mrs. Ella Parkin and Mrs. Ed. Cotulla, returned home on Saturday after a most enjoyable motor trip to various parts of the state, including Austin and Boerne. Among the interesting places visited during their absence were the missions near San Antonio. Mrs. S. F. Clews joined the party in San Antonio, and on the return trip the party was entertained in Cotulla by Mrs. Cotulla of that place.

Mrs. W. W. MacGregor went to San Antonio on Saturday on a short visit to Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Jameson prior to their leaving for Houston, where they go to make their future home. Mr. Jameson having accepted a position at that place.

Miss Clara Hall returned to Bruni after spending the week-end in Laredo.

Miss Annie Jefferies returned to San Ignacio after spending a few days in Laredo.

The following is taken from the San Antonio Express of yesterday. Mrs. Mulliken is well known in Laredo having visited here during her girlhood days as well as recently as the guest of Captain and Mrs. Ryan of Fort McIntosh.

Mrs. Harry S. M. Mulliken of Mapimi, Mexico, who is in the city, will be remembered as Miss Elise Marstella, having made her home here, or rather out of Fort Sam Houston, with her aunt, Mrs. Ryan, wife of Captain Ryan. She is a grandniece of General E. O. C. Ord and granddaughter of Colonel Placidius Ord of the army.

The coming of Mrs. Mulliken to San Antonio at this time renews many friendships of the long ago—that is, since most of those with whom she spent many happy days have settled into staid matrons, and business men with the cares and responsibilities of the State, and, in some instances, the Nation, on their shoulders, for it was with them then, as Kingsley said:

When all the world is young, lad,
And all the trees are green,
And every goose is a swan, lad,
And every lass a queen.

Benefit Tea.

The members of Mrs. J. T. Halsell's Sunday School class entertained on Saturday afternoon with a Japanese Tea, from half after four until half after six o'clock, and realized quite a nice sum for their Easter offering, taking in fifteen dollars in all. The rooms were prettily decorated, red roses and ferns being used in the living room with Japanese lanterns hanging in the doorways, and a group of lanterns and pink wisteria hung over a centerpiece of pink verbenas and maiden hair fern placed on a runner of filmy lace surrounded by pink tapers in brass candlesticks. The many little fellows were dressed in Japanese kimonos of delicate hues and carried off their duties as hosts in a manner that would have done much credit to the older folk. Louis

Puster and Paul Netzer met the guests at the door and Warren Smith and Leonard Smith and Jack Halsell presided at the punch table. Randolph Slaughter played selections of Hawaiian music on the Victrola during the afternoon; George Campbell poured tea and Edgar Sirmyer poured coffee and they were assisted in the dining room by Ed Rex Tarver, David Slaughter, George Anderson, and Alfred Dent. The following delightful musical program was given with Meadames D. F. Anderson and T. A. Austin as accompanists:

"A Rose Rhyme" . . . Mary Turner Salter

"Roses After Rain" . . . Liza Lehmann

Mrs. Reuben Smith.

"Little Grey Home in the West" . . . Hermann Lohr

"Mine" . . . Alfred Solman

Miss Courtney Crutchfield.

"Can't Yo' Hear Me Callin'" . . . Miss Courtney Slaughter.

"An Open Secret" . . . H. T. Burleigh

"Just You" . . . Percy Granger

"Shepherds Hey!" . . . Miss Mary Sames.

A number called during the afternoon.

Announcements.

The president of the Tuesday Music and Literary Club wishes all members, both active and associate, to be present at the meeting on Tuesday afternoon, as there will be important business to be taken up by the club.

Miriam Chapter of the O. E. S. will have a called meeting at the Masonic Hall on Tuesday evening at eight o'clock. A full attendance of members and visitors is urged.

Dinner.

Captain and Mrs. E. A. Sirmyer of Fort McIntosh entertained most delightfully at dinner on Friday evening. The table was exquisitely appointed and had as a centerpiece an art basket filled with American Beauties and ferns. A five-course dinner was served and covers were laid for Captain and Mrs. Read, Captain and Mrs. Rucker, Captain and Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Upjohn, Mrs. King and the hosts.

Club Notes.

The members of the Entre Nous Club were entertained most pleasantly on Saturday afternoon by Miss Frances Woodul. During the afternoon a delicious salad course was served to the following members: Misses Vera Lang, Hazel Patrick, Vera Sharkey, Ruth Simpson and Maud Mussett.

Miss Anita Sharkey was hostess on Saturday afternoon to the members of the U. J. G. Club. After a pleasant social hour the hostess served a salad course. The table decorations were La France roses and ferns. The personnel included: Misses May Netzer, Eugenia Lafon, Ernestina Sanchez, Sara Vidaurri, Vesta Sutton, Esther Sharkey, and the hostess.

The Blue Bonnets were most charmingly entertained on Saturday afternoon by Miss Dora Becker. Music both vocal and instrumental, and conversations were the amusements of the afternoon. At the close of the afternoon dainty refreshments, consisting of fresh strawberries and whipped cream, cake and ice cream were served and greatly enjoyed by the following: Misses Willie Bell Brennan, Irene Leyendecker, Merrell Lake, Margaret Sturtevant, Laura Taylor, Eva Scratchley, Elsie Werner, the guests at the afternoon were Miss Doris Bigden, Gus Becker. This will be the last meeting of the club until after Easter.

Dr. J. B. Wharey of the University of Texas will be in Laredo Thursday. He is brought here by the Tuesday Music and Literary Club and will deliver two lectures while in the city, one in the afternoon to the members of the club and one at night to the public, at Elks Hall. The Club cordially invites all who are interested in good literature to be present.

TO ORGANIZE LAREDO SCOUTS

Another Meeting Will Be Held at Firemen's Hall Wednesday Night to Organize Troop in Laredo.

Laredo appears to be one of the few places in the state just now where an undue nonchalance pervades the air regarding the organization of companies of militia or troops of cavalry or scouts. All over Texas meetings have been held and these volunteer companies have been readily formed. Why can not Laredo show a similar spirit in the matter?

Two meetings have been held within the past two weeks in an effort to organize a troop of cavalry and a troop of scouts. Both meetings were slimly attended and organization was deferred. On Wednesday night at Firemen's Hall, another meeting will be held, when an effort will be made to recruit a troop of Laredo Scouts up to a sufficient enrollment to warrant its organization and proffering of its service to the government. All men who are qualified by being good horsemen and handy with rifles or revolvers are requested to attend the meeting and if they see their way clear enroll as members of the proposed troop.

DETECTIVES TRAILED WRONG WOMAN.

Minneapolis, Minn., March 27.—The hearing on the suit brought by Arthur Lillgren against a detective agency in this city for damages will be heard today. Lillgren alleges that detectives engaged to trail his wife had furnished him with false information, and he is seeking damages, in \$25,000. He claims the sleuths trailed the wrong woman and that when he confronted his wife with the information which they furnished him, she left him. District Judge Daniel Fish has held that the detective agency is responsible merely for the fee given it and cannot be held accountable for the use to which Lillgren put the information.

PERSONALS

Robert Hazelrig is in the city from Mexico for a visit.

W. B. A. Dingwall of Matehuala arrived in the city yesterday and is stopping at the Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Melville and daughter arrived yesterday from San Luis Potosi and are guests at the Hamilton.

Wesley Love, Jr. of Jacksonville arrived in the city Saturday and will be here some time.

Fred W. Radeker arrived here last evening from Alice on a short business trip and is spending today here.

William Payne, a prominent citizen of Kingsville and proprietor of the Payne Planing Mill of that town is in the city on a short business visit. Mr. Payne has placed an advertisement in The Times for his mill and he hopes to land some Laredo business.

Don Vicente Ferrara arrived Saturday night from Monterey for a short visit to his family, who are temporarily making this city their home.

W. K. Sheppard arrived in the city Saturday for a short visit and has been busy since his arrival shaking hands with his many Laredo friends. Mr. Sheppard recently sold his moving picture theater in Brownsville and is now on his way to his old home in Virginia for a visit and does not yet know where he will locate after his visit home.

ROSS.—Roberto Herros, Ricardo Vertis, Mexico City; Catarino Lopez, Saltillo; Jose Garza, Monterey; Jesus Blanco, Durango; Adolfo Barrera and wife, Torreon; F. C. E. Winn, Mexico City; D. Treviño, Franco Zambrano, R. Cuandrous, Juan M. Zozaya, Monterey; Geo. Fraut, D. A. Condon, San Antonio; G. S. Taylor, Monterey; J. W. Fraut, H. E. Bricker, L. E. Gregar, San Antonio; Matilde Cervantes, Mina Garcia, Lupe Garcia, Monterey; G. W. Goldee, New York.

HAMILTON.—Roy Campbell, San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Melville and daughter, San Luis Potosi; H. C. Harrison, Mexico; N. R. Jackson, Santo Tomas; A. E. Cumming, Mexico; Mrs. Lickie, Tampico; Vance Smithson, H. M. Deutsch, San Antonio; Robt. Lunn Jr., New York; Don Payne, Kingsville; M. Reedus, San Diego; W. L. Rockwell, Alex. Love, San Antonio; Mrs. D. M. Burnett, Darwin; J. W. Converse, San Antonio; E. P. Davis, Leo Reed, Cedar, Mexico; W. B. A. Dingwall, Matehuala; E. D. Marshall, Houston.

BENDER.—E. A. Florida, San Antonio; W. F. Woodue, Laredo; L. Ramirez Alba, and wife, New York; E. H. Morton, Laredo; G. C. Barton, Brownsville; Fred. Woeb, Monterey; H. A. Ellis, Philadelphia; W. K. Sheppard, Brownsville; R. P. Koeseger, St. Louis, Mo.; D. R. Oliver, L. R. Lewis, C. O. Harris, Ashton; Hugh Kendrick and wife, San Antonio; J. H. Reeder, Willard; Daught Purfuss, Evanston, Ill.; C. B. Richardson, Willard; G. H. Baillo, San Antonio; Geo. C. Tennell, Alto; Muri O'Keefe, Chicago; J. P. Ever, Philadelphia; Mrs. Whitaker, Cotton, Gunthie, Reiser; W. E. Frederick, Laredo; W. S. Michael, New Orleans; F. M. Wazer, Houston; Geo. P. Buckhaker, El Paso; Ben Richardson, L. P. Davis, Ralph W. Smith, San Antonio; G. Schlitt, Louisville, Ky.; Morris H. Grumberg, Houston; W. D. McMillan, Dallas; M. D. Strass, Corpus Christi.

No Americans Lost.

Paris, March 27.—Detailed information gathered by the American embassy indicates that no Americans lost their lives on the Sussex.

German Boat Missing.

London, March 27.—A German torpedo boat is missing since the fighting which followed the British air raid Saturday on the aviation sheds in southern Schleswig-Holstein, according to the official German statement received here.

Eleven Persons Killed.

London, March 27.—It was announced today that eleven persons were killed when the British steamship Minenapolis, formerly in the London-New York service, was sunk in the Mediterranean.

Three Vessels Sunk.

London, March 27.—The French steamer Hebe, of 1,400 tons, the British fish carrier Khartoum have been sunk. The crews of the former landed, but it is believed that nine men of the Khartoum were lost.

French Transport Sunk.

Berlin, March 27.—Athens reports today that a French transport with troops on board from Saloniki struck and sank. Seventy-three were rescued.

AGAINST THE CANTEEN.

Gonaves, Haiti.—At a debate held by members of the United States Marine Corps on duty at this place, 87 voted for and 11 voted against a resolution that, "aside from the personal liberty issue involved, the abolishment of the canteen was a splendid thing, and we members of the United States Marine Corps, on duty at Gonaves, are solidly against any movement looking to its restoration."

The Marines at Gonaves say they are not more temperate or abstemious than other U. S. Marines serving over the world.

Onion Shipments.

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COMPLICATIONS DISAPPEARED WHEN REPUBLICANS GAVE UP DEMAND FOR MEN

Senate Republicans Decided to Accept Administration's Assurances that Border was Sufficiently Protected and Determined Not to Carry On Their Agitation for More Troops Just at Present.

GERMANY CONFESSES LOSS OF TRENCHES

NEW ATTACK NORTH OF VERDUN INDICATED BY CONTINUANCE OF BOMBARDMENT.

By Associated Press.

Washington, March 27.—Threatened complications in the Mexican situation disappeared today when the senate Republicans decided to accept the administration assurances that there were sufficient troops on the border to protect American interests and determined not to carry on the agitation for more troops further now.

Sealing Up Exits.

El Paso, Texas, March 27.—The American troops today are trying to entrap Villa by sealing up all the trails and passes in the mountains around Valle. Once the outlets are barred the cavalry will attempt to drive Villa to the open.

American forces are permitted to use the Mexican telegraph. The wires are cut between Madera and Juarez. Gen. Gavia announced today. All communications are censored by the Mexican commander at Madera.

Shortage of Forage.

San Antonio, Texas, March 27.—A serious shortage of grain for horses and mules has been experienced by the forces in Mexico pursuing Villa. It was due to the lengthening of the lines of communication and the practical impossibility to deliver supplies by auto trucks, it was explained at Gen. Funston's headquarters today. Unless permission is soon granted for the use of the Mexican railways, the pursuit of Villa may be seriously retarded.

Villa Prepares to Resist.

Field Headquarters (by aeroplane to Columbus).—Gen. Pershing announced today the establishment of a new army base nearer to Villa's reported location than the old base. Evidence that Villa is preparing to resist the Americans has been collected by scouts.

Navy League is Busy Again.

Washington, March 27.—That not even the best-informed and naval and military experts of the country know just what constitutes adequate preparedness is the belief of the leaders of the Navy League of the United States, which open another national meeting here today. The League maintains that no one branch of the government is capable of making estimates for national defense, and it will advocate at the present convention that a board composed of experts on all the subjects involved should be appointed by the President and made permanent by act of congress.

When our national defense policies have been defined so that we may know which nations, if any, are most likely to become our enemies, then, and not till then is it feasible as well as necessary to determine what strategies the nation should possess for establishing and maintaining these policies, since our existence as independent members of the society of nations depends upon their maintenance," says the announcement of the League. "By strategies is meant not only military and naval forces, but out national resources of diplomacy, commerce, industry and production."

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Notice.

There will be a meeting of the Laredo Truck Growers Association at the Chamber of Commerce at eight o'clock tonight.

ROBT. McCOMB, President.

BIG FUR SALE IN NEW YORK.

New York, March 27.—Two millions of dollars worth of furs and skins will be auctioned today and tomorrow at the Masonic Temple. The best furs that North America has produced this winter are on exhibition.

For Your Child's Cough.

If your child has a cold, nose runs or coughs much get a small bottle of Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. It's a pleasant Pine-Tar-Honey syrup, just what children like and just the medicine to soothe the cough and check the cold. After taking, children stop fretting, sleep good and are soon entirely well. Insist on Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. 25c. at your druggist.

Children who have worms are pale, cross, fretful, and sickly most of the time. To rid the little body of these parasites WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE is an approved remedy. When the worms have been driven out the child grows strong, healthy and robust. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

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BODY OF NURSE WAS FOUND NEAR DALLAS

FINGER MARKS AND BRUISES AND DISARRANGED CLOTHING UNMISTAKABLY POINT TO MURDER.

By Associated Press.

Dallas, Texas, March 27.—With tell-tale finger marks about her throat and bruises on the face and body, Miss Zola May Cramer, a trained nurse formerly of Austin and Texarkana, aged about 24 years, was found on the campus of the Oak Cliff high school, a suburb. The woman's clothing was disarranged and it was indicated that she made a fight for her life. Physicians are examining the body to determine whether she had been criminally assaulted. The motive is mystifying the police. It was not robbery, because \$26 in a purse and jewelry was found with the body. It is believed that she was murdered about 8 o'clock last night.

TOM PENCE IS DEAD.

By Associated Press.

Washington, March 27.—Tom Pence secretary of the Democratic National committee, died here today. He had been ill for some time with pneumonia.

PRIZE COURT, IN APPAM CASE, MAY SETTLE DIFFICULT POINTS

Washington, March 27.—The libel instituted by the British owners of the liner Appam to recover the ship from the German prize crew that brought it into Hampton Roads, is expected to bring an interesting contest into the federal courts, when the case comes up this week at Richmond, Va.

A prize court ruling is expected by the State Department officials, one that will clear away many perplexing features which have confronted them in dealing with the Appam case.

On their face, the libel papers indicate that the suit so far is purely a private one, and that neither the British government nor State Department, at least at this stage, has any direct interest in it. The attorneys prosecuting the suit, however, are expected to develop fully the position of the British government in regard to the right of the American government to allow its ports to be made places of refuge for prizes. Some exceedingly intricate points of international law are expected to be developed by the British attorneys.

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A WAITING GAME.

It is evident from the report made by Gen. Pershing that the pursuit of Villa is to be a waiting game. He warns the people of the United States to be prepared for a long campaign in Mexico, which may last for months. He likens the pursuit of Villa to that of Geronimo by Lawton in 1886, which lasted for months, during a part of which time the American soldiers were for many days at a time out of touch with their base and had to live off the country.

Gen. Pershing predicts that Villa will be aided by the peons and every opportunity be given him to wear the Americans out in guerrilla warfare. But this is where the Mexican forces should be able to help greatly if the proposed protocol is signed and lived up to.

There is a tendency on the part of a certain class of Mexicans to shield a criminal when—and because—he is a Mexican. This is not surprising, for we have the same thing among a certain class of negroes in our own country, and those who industriously aid in the propagation of the "race" idea are disposed to do anything to prevent the success of the American expedition.

Some months ago there was a tendency to make of Villa an idol, who had successfully defied the pursuit of the authorities in his bandit days and who later won several victories for the Carranza forces.

Now that he has been repudiated by the Mexicans in power, there is danger that the lower class Mexicans will again exalt him to the position of a "Robin Hood," bearing in mind that in his bandit period he never robbed the poor, but preyed only upon the wealthy and the officials.

Had Villa been intercepted at the outset of the American campaign, his criminal activities would have come to a sudden end. But the Mexican officials showed no anxiety to aid in the pursuit until the orders came direct from Queretaro, and even then they displayed an apathy that looks very suspicious.

Now, when Villa appears to have successfully eluded all pursuit, the word comes that our troops may use the telegraph and perhaps the railroads also. But as the telegraph is out of commission and all messages sent by our commanders would have to pass through the hands of a Mexican censor, it is difficult to see of what value the offer is.

The railroad is in bad condition. Reports come almost daily of cars being derailed, of track in such horrible condition that trains must proceed at a snail's pace, and the locomotives are frequently stalled because the machinery is not in good working order.

Our troops in the Philippines met with some serious reverses because of the bad condition of the railroads, but the soldiers soon put them in good condition and ran them effectively until they were turned over to the civil government at the conclusion of peace.

But the case in Mexico is vastly different. The railroads are in the hands of the Mexican authorities, who would sharply resist any attempt on our part to put the roads in good condition, and much less to run them after they were repaired.

Without the railroad we are seriously hampered in forwarding supplies to our troops. Auto trucks cannot run on some of the so-called roads, which are merely ruts in the sand and dust, and ox-cart transportation is too slow to depend upon.

Pack trains of mules would be the nearest solution, but we unfortunately have not the pack trains, which proved so useful in both Cuba and the Philippines. It takes time to gather and train a good pack train, and we have not time at present.

If the expedition against Villa is to take months, as Gen. Pershing believes, there will eventually be a thorough reorganization of our supply system, which so far has been woefully inadequate. But the troops who are now in the field need supplies right now, instead of waiting until we can better arrange to supply them.

DILATORY TACTICS.

Washington official circles are much exercised over the status of the submarine warfare controversy, especially as it is believed that the Sussex and the Englishman were sunk without warning, despite Germany's promises to this government that no more attacks would be made without giving the passengers ample time to escape, save in cases where the passenger vessels resisted by arms.

A statement that Germany would "satisfy" this government that the attack on the Sussex, if proved to have been made by a German submarine, was in violation of instructions. But what will this "satisfaction" consist in? Will Germany order the execution of the officers who commanded the German submarine?

It is plain that our patience and forbearance have been misinterpreted, and that Germany believes she can continue to mislead us by her diplomatic correspondence while she carries on the warfare in accordance with her own wishes and in direct opposition to ours.

It has been stated that the removal of Von Tirpitz from the department of marine was proof that Germany was coming to see the justness of our point of view. It may be so, but this outrage indicates that there is little disposition on the part of official Germany to either heed our warnings or to show us any consideration.

News concerning the sinking of the Sussex so far is conflicting. The state department said that it had received news of the safety of but two of the Americans aboard, while later reports say that it is not believed that any Americans lost their lives.

But even if none of them were killed, it was not the fault of the submarine commander who is alleged to have torpedoed the vessel. He had his instructions, so Ambassador

Bernstorff says, to refrain from attacking any passenger vessels or merchantmen without warning unless they first fired at him. At least, that is the statement made concerning all German submarine commanders.

An investigation of the Sussex revealed, according to the French naval commanders, that she was torpedoed, while our state department officials say they have information that only German submarines were operating in the vicinity where she was sunk.

If it is proved that the Sussex was sunk by a German submarine, the officials say, the possibility of breaking off relations with Germany is again presented.

So far we have been patient and forbearing. We have waited many months for a settlement of the Lusitania case, and the nearest we have got to such a settlement is the offer of Germany to pay a money indemnity, while refusing to accede to our demands that the submarine warfare be so conducted as not to menace our citizens in their lives or property.

Other cases have brought forth an offer to "disavow" the act of her own commanders, but so far not a single offer has been made to punish the men guilty of the vile crime of assassinating innocent neutrals in order to "strike a blow" at an enemy.

The total losses of merchant ships, including neutrals, so far amount to the appalling figure of 2,000, with a total tonnage of 4,000,000! Yet what good has resulted to either side in this great industrial and economic destruction?

Germany cannot take the sea with her fleet, despite the menace of her submarines. Great Britain still is losing ships daily, despite the fact that she has the greatest navy afloat. The campaign at sea is tending to alienate the friendship of this country for both nations, and we are as great losers in the destruction of commerce as any of the belligerents.

Unless some final action is soon taken in the submarine warfare case there will be few ships left to carry on the commerce which is so necessary to the belligerents, as well as to ourselves. And we should demand a prompt and satisfactory reply.

Judging from the copy of his paper that reaches us, Roy Stump of the Port Arthur News is not bothered about the shortage of ink. He is still using last year's supply and economizing at that.

Pershing is moving his base nearer to where Villa is reported. But what the average American is concerned about is moving the telegraph office nearer to the border and eliminating the censor. We don't care about any old base—we're interested in the home plate.

The de facto government has kindly consented to let us use the telegraph. We may add that the wires are cut and all messages have to be censored by a Carranza officer. Otherwise it is a kindly act.

Germany, it is stated, will "satisfy" the United States that the torpedoing of the Sussex was a violation of instructions "if it is proved that the ship was sunk by a German submarine." Reminds us of the difference between "satisfied" and "content."

Sign of Good Digestion.

When you see a cheerful and happy old lady you may know that she has good digestion. If your digestion is impaired or if you do not relish your meals take a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets. They strengthen the stomach, improve the digestion and cause a gentle movement of the bowels. Obtainable everywhere.

WILL HAVE MAY-DAY FETE

Custom of Many Years in Laredo Will Be Carried Out Again This Year, Says Superintendent.

The customary May-Day Festival in which hundreds of the school children of Laredo have participated annually for some time past on the first day of May, will take place as usual this year, according to a statement made this morning by City School Superintendent L. J. Christen.

It appears that some people are averse to the fete being carried out this year on account of the "disturbed atmosphere" along the border, but as nothing serious has developed and nothing of that nature is expected, there is no reason why the children and teachers should be deprived of a day of genuine pleasure. And then, too, some little lady is to be elected May Queen and crowned on the afternoon of the May Fete. The proceeds derived from the sale of May Queen votes, as well as from the "tag day" feature that usually is a part of the May-Day festival, will go to a laudable cause, the replenishing of the Public School Library with the latest and best works of literature.

DEMOLISHED BY BOMB FROM A ZEPPELIN



One of the houses in Kent that was torn to pieces by a bomb dropped from a Zeppelin during the latest air raid on England. Five of the inmates were killed.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

MARCH 28

- 1380—Gunpowder first used in Europe by the Venetians against the Genoeses. Its discovery is ascribed to Berthold Schwartz, a monk, in the year 1300.
- 1745—Ventilators invented by English preacher ordered by the Council of England to be introduced into the churches.
- 1811—An hereditary monarchy established in Hayti.
- 1814—In neutral port of Valparaiso, U. S. frigate Essex fought two British men of war but was forced to surrender.
- 1853—A peace address signed by 4,000 English merchants, bankers and traders, was presented to Napoleon III of France.
- 1855—U. S. marshal at Philadelphia arrested twelve men who had enlisted there for a foreign legion.
- 1861—Vote in Louisiana on question of secession was: ayes, 20,448, noes 17,296.
- 1871—Beginning of the Commune of Paris, an outbreak which there the city into anarchy, following the withdrawal of the Germans. It was quelled in the following May.
- 1901—Aguinaldo, the Philippine chief, was brought alive to Manila.
- 1912—British House of Lords passed the Minimum Wage bill.
- 1913—Czar Ferdinand of Bulgaria entered Adrianople and reviewed his victorious troops, Montenegrin army opened fire on Sautari.
- 1915—THE WAR: Twenty day battle in Champagne country was begun by the Germans and Russian fleet bombards the forts on the Dnieper. Germans storm Taurogen, on the Russian border.

Dangers of Draft.

Drafts feel best when we are hot and perspiring, just when they are most dangerous and the result is Neuralgia, Stiff Neck, Sore Muscles or sometimes an attack of Rheumatism. In such cases apply Sloan's Liniment. It stimulates circulation to the sore and painful part. The blood flows freely and in a short time the stiffness and pain leaves. Those suffering from Neuralgia or Neuralgic Headache will find one or two applications of Sloan's Liniment will give grateful relief. The agonizing pain gives way to a tingling sensation of comfort and warmth and quiet rest and sleep is possible. Good for Neuritis too. Price 25c at your drugist.

THIS IS MY 54th BIRTHDAY

ARISTIDE BRIAND.

Aristide Briand, Prime Minister of France, and one of the most forceful figures in the big European War, is 54 years old today. He was born at Nantes, on March 28, 1862, the son of well-to-do parents in the big industrial city at the mouth of the Loire. In his boyhood he was a dreamer, with fine theories of human betterment. He passed through the law schools as a clever, diligent student; but his heart was not so much in law as in politics. M. Briand was a socialist and he allied himself with the growing party. At the age of 22 he bloomed as a leader in the Congress of the Workmen in his native city. He wrote for the socialist journals, and with Jaures edited "Humanity," in which journal he pointed out that the first practical step in improving the conditions of the toilers lay in the development of trades unions. One of his greatest achievements was his victorious war against syndicalism, as expressed in the great railroad strike in France. He accepted and enforced the principle that the interests of the whole nation are supreme, and must and shall outweigh the interests of any class, section or body. Briand first became a world figure when, chosen to report the bill for the separation of Church and State, he made his report to the Chamber of Deputies with such power, such clearness, and such gentleness, that his handling of the whole question healed many ugly wounds. He not only was the principal author of the law of separation, but he was the chief executive of the law in the Sarrien Ministry of 1906; although his acceptance of office led to his expulsion from the socialist party. Briand entered the Chamber of Deputies at the age of forty, and he has been conspicuous in French politics ever since. Last fall he was called for the second time to be Prime Minister, and he has gathered in the Cabinet the leaders in whom the French people have the most confidence.

ADDITIONAL LOCK BOXES

TO BE INSTALLED SHORTLY

POSTMASTER WORSHAM ADVISED BY POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT

That Request for Additional Lock Boxes and Drawers is Granted; Installation to Begin Soon.

Postmaster J. N. Worsham has received advices from the postoffice department to the effect that his recent request for additional lock boxes and drawers for the Laredo postoffice has with approval and the postoffice authorities are acquiescing to the request.

Yesterday Postmaster Worsham received a blueprint showing the layout for the proposed additional boxes, this being in the way of a suggestion as to where they be placed. There will be an additional 120 lock boxes and drawers and to these will be affixed the regular Yale lock combinations, in fact the new boxes in style and appearance will conform to the several hundred boxes and drawers already being service at the post-office.

The section in which the new boxes will be installed is that now accommodating the windows of Carriers Nos. 1 and 2. Postmaster Worsham will let the contract for the installation of the boxes just as soon as possible and immediately upon their arrival here the new boxes and drawers will be put in. Already there are many applications on hand for both boxes and drawers, and within a short time after they are ready for service the probability is the supply will be exhausted.

For Neat and Accurate Job Work Ring up 43.

EQUIPPING AEROPLANES FOR UNITED STATES ARMY

OFFICERS AND MEN OF ARMY HELP; SO CAN CIVILIANS

They Will Also Be Provided With Licensed Aviators by the Aero Club of America if Services Needed.

Realizing the fact that should necessity arise for their use and it became urgent to immediately need the services of aeroplanes, and further realizing the fact that every good aeroplane is worth a thousand soldiers if used in the Mexican campaign, the Aero Club of America is mobilizing the licensed aviators available, equipping them with high-powered aeroplanes and keeping them in readiness to answer the call of the war department. It is known that the war department will gladly avail itself of this reserve in case of need.

Eight of these licensed aviators have already been mobilized and are being put through a course of training on high-powered aeroplanes. The sum of \$100,000 is being raised to buy suitable military aeroplanes, which will be turned over with the aviators to the war department, and will later be turned over to the militia of the different states after the Mexican campaign.

An aeroplane, says General Funston, is worth a thousand men in a campaign such as is being carried on in Mexico just now, and the aviator is the only soldier who does not face death in crossing the Mexican border. General Funston says: "Villa parties will at times surprise these scouting parties. In ordinary warfare our men might, if hopelessly outnumbered and resistance futile, surrender with safety. To surrender to Villa, however, would be worse than suicide. Villa's men will kill every American they can lay hands on. Every encounter will then mean a fight to the death for our men." And here the aeroplanes could again come in handy in calling for reinforcements, etc.

General R. K. Evans, commander of the garrison of Laredo, is circulating a list among army men here for contributions to a fund to be sent to the Aero Club of America as a mark of appreciation of their efforts in behalf of the army and to show their gratitude for what has been done. Anyone caring to contribute to the fund can notify General Evans. Officers and enlisted men are contributing; civilians can also do their part.

MONITION.

In the United States District Court, For the Southern District of Texas

United States of America vs. 527 Birds of Paradise, etc., and One Trunk. No. 91 D. L. Marshall's docket 1458.

In obedience to a Warrant of Seizure to me directed, in the above-entitled cause, I have seized and taken into my possession the following-described property to-wit: Five hundred twenty-seven birds of paradise, etc., and one trunk for the causes set forth in the libel now pending in the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas, at Laredo, Texas, I hereby give notice to all persons claiming the said described five hundred twenty-seven birds of paradise, etc., and one trunk, or knowing or having anything to say why the same should not be condemned and forfeited, and the proceeds thereof distributed according to the prayer of the libel, that they be and appear before the said Court, to be held in and for the Southern District of Texas, at the United States Court Room, in the City of Laredo, on the 12th day of April, 1916, at 10 o'clock on the forenoon of that day, if the same shall be a day of jurisdiction, otherwise on the next day of jurisdiction thereafter, then and there to interpose a claim for the same, and to make their allegations in that behalf.

J. A. HERRING, U. S. Marshal, Sou. Dist. of Texas. By ALLEN WALKER, Deputy, Laredo Division.

3-28-1916.

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LITTLE LOCALS

—The following marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk since last report: George Drexel Carr and Miss Charlotte Varena Streif, Pedro Perez and Miss Eljia Garza, Francisco M. Sifuentes and Antonia Palacios.

—There will be a lecture at Elks Hall Thursday evening at 8:30 o'clock, given by Dr. J. B. Wharey under the auspices of the Tuesday Music and Literary Club. A cordial invitation is extended to the public and it is hoped that a large crowd will be present to hear Dr. Wharey. No charge is made for this entertainment. 2-28-2t.

—According to announcement made today, the schools of Laredo will have their annual Mayday Fete this year. The teachers who have charge of the training of the many children who participate in the festival will in a short time begin their work of instructing the little ones. As usual the fete will be given as a benefit for the Public School Library and a May Queen will be elected.

—The finest line of wall paper in Laredo, D. D. Cline. Office phone 850-W. 3-24-6t.

—The following is a list of the importations which passed through this port yesterday afternoon from Mexico: Five carloads of steel billets, seven carloads of ixite, three carloads of calamine, one carload of hides and one carload of miscellaneous goods.

—Old hats made new by the Modern Hatter. 1129 Farragut street. 3-16-1m.

—In order to make the old portion conform in appearance to the new and handsome three-story addition, the Avery Hospital or rather the two-story portion, is being faced with the same kind of brown fire brick of which the large addition is constructed. The hospital is rapidly nearing completion.

—We buy and sell real estate, D. D. Cline. Phone 850-W. 3-24-6t.

—The handsome two-story home of Dr. Kenney is fast nearing completion. The two-story home of John A. Applewhite has all the brickwork completed and the roof on and interior work is in progress, and the two-story home of R. K. Mims is fast having its walls reared. These are three handsome new homes for Laredo people.

—Now is the time to clip your horses. We do it at a reasonable charge. Laredo Transfer Co. Phone 864. 1-27-1t.

—There will be a meeting of the members of the Laredo Fire Department Racing Team at Firemen's Hall on Friday evening beginning promptly at 8:15 o'clock. Business will be transacted at this meeting and arrangements made for practice for the coming races at New Braunfels in May. All members are urged to be present.

—Have four finest building lots on the Heights for sale, D. D. Cline. Phone 850-W. 3-24-6t.

—In all portions of Laredo these days can be heard the resounding song of prosperity that come from the hammer and the saw. Where new cottages or business houses are not in construction one will find improvements or additions being made to old places.

—Teacher of English, Spanish and Gregg Shorthand, evening lessons only. Apply Will W. Gregg, Times office. 10-11-1t.

—Tomorrow night another meeting will be held to secure recruits to the Laredo Scouts, a troop which is being formed here to be a part of the Rough Rider Regiment formed in San Antonio recently. The meeting will be held at the Firemen's Hall beginning promptly at 8:15 o'clock.

—Handkerchiefs, laces, domestics, lawns and house furnishings at Saft's. 2-29-1t.

—For self starter work see Yeary at the Citizens Garage. 6-25-1t.

—The case of the City of Laredo vs. the Adjutant General, which was recently advanced on the docket, is set for submission in the supreme court of the state at Austin tomorrow.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office. 6-5-1t (Adv.)

—A meeting of farmers was held last night at the Chamber of Commerce quarters and matters of interest to that element were discussed and acted upon.

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans. 4-24-1t. (Adv.)

—Construction work on the brick store building of Puig Brothers being erected on Lincoln street is going right ahead now. When completed the place will be occupied by a new hardware firm.

—If it is neat and accurate job printing that you want send your orders to The Times job department. Expert workmanship and the best of materials. 1-9-1t.

BRIGADIER GEN. PARKER HERE

Commander of First Cavalry Brigade. Accompanied by His Aide, Arrived at Fort McIntosh Today.

Brigadier General James Parker, commanding the First Cavalry Brigade, of which the squadron of the Fourteenth Cavalry stationed at Fort McIntosh is a part, accompanied by his aide-de-camp, Lieutenant A. G. Hixon of the Fourteenth Cavalry, arrived from their headquarters at Fort Sam Houston this afternoon.

Brigadier General Parker on tomorrow will inspect the squadron of the Fourteenth Cavalry at Fort McIntosh, and while here will be the recipient of many courtesies at the hands of the officers of both Fort McIntosh and the Ninth Infantry Camp.

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WANT CIVILIANS TO ASSIST

Anent Proposition of Aero Club of America Providing Aeroplanes for Army, the People Should Act.

Regarding the item published in the Times yesterday to the effect that officers and men of the army stationed here were contributing to a fund which was to be sent to the Aero Club of America as a show of appreciation of the efforts of the club to equip the United States army with a number of aeroplanes and licensed operators for use in the Mexican campaign, a prominent citizen said that the newspapers should urge more co-operation in this matter from the American civilians.

"There are many good and loyal Americans right here in Laredo," said the gentleman, "who can afford to contribute to the aeroplane fund and thus show the Aero Club of America that in their work in behalf of the army they have the appreciation and co-operation of the American civilians. The deplorable condition of the aeroplanes with Pershing's expedition demonstrates beyond all question that there is existing need for better and more substantial airships for the American army, and the navy as well."

DEATH OF MRS. M. A. DOWNEY

Pioneer Resident of Corpus Christi Passed to Her Eternal Reward Last Night After Long Illness.

George W. Sprague left here this morning for Corpus Christi upon receipt of the sad information announcing that his mother-in-law, Mrs. M. A. Downey, one of the pioneer residents of Corpus Christi, had closed her eyes in eternal sleep last evening following a protracted illness. For sometime past Mrs. Sprague, her daughter, together with other children, have been in attendance at their mother's bedside. Mrs. Downey's death was not unexpected.

Deceased was the relict of the late Mark Downey, a former well known business man of Corpus Christi and who during the civil war was one of the intrepid sons of the Southland who made the good fight for his beloved land, fighting in many battles beneath the Stars and Bars. Deceased leaves to mourn her loss one son, Joe Downey, and three daughters, Mrs. George W. Sprague, Mrs. Knapp and Miss Marguerite Downey.

NOTICE OF EXAMINATION FOR TEACHERS' CERTIFICATES.

An examination for teachers' certificates will be held in each county in the State on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, April 6, 7, and 8. In this examination the following schedule will be used:

Thursday forenoon: History of Education, Physics, Solid Geometry, American Literature.

Thursday afternoon: Psychology, Chemistry, Bookkeeping, Plane Trigonometry.

Friday forenoon: Physical Geography, Physiology, Composition, Arithmetic.

Friday afternoon: Texas History, Grammar, Descriptive Geography, Plane Geometry.

Saturday forenoon: Spelling, Writing, Methods and Management, Civics, Reading.

Saturday afternoon: United States History, General History, Agriculture, Algebra.

Good Money in Poultry.

When hens bring at the rate of \$10 per dozen in the market, it is pretty good evidence that there is good money to be made in raising poultry. That is the price paid here Saturday for some heavy hens that were sold by a young farmer residing east of the city. It is also an indication that it pays to raise good chickens, for these hens were of one of the thoroughbred or "fine" varieties, and it is quite evident that no scrub hen could have reached any such weight as these hens did.—Sherman Democrat.

LITTLE LOCALS

—Fifty-eight carloads of Bermudas rolled out of Laredo last night to give "strength" to the festal board of thousands of people in the East and other sections of country. Thus far a total of 422 carloads have been shipped and the prediction is made that all onions will have been shipped by the beginning of May.

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—Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Windrow have moved their residence from the Heights to No. 1814 Farragut street.

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—There will be a meeting at the Firemen's Hall this evening, the purpose of which is the organization of the Laredo Scouts. It is reported that the three separate cavalry organizations which have been trying to get an organization up will merge their efforts and rosters and make one troop out of the three troops now in their embryo stages.

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—At a meeting of members of Rescue Hose Co. No. 3 held a few nights ago Solomon Freed was elected to represent that organization at the State Firemen's Association convention in New Braunfels in May. Lone Star Hook and Ladder Co. and Protection Hose Co. will elect their delegates within the next week.

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—A regular election will be held here on Saturday, when the qualified voters of Laredo, expressing their choice at the polls, will vote for the four men who are to serve as members of the board of school trustees of Laredo Independent School District for the ensuing two years. There is only one new aspirant for the honor, Dr. Cullinan.

—Now is the time to clip your horses. We do it at a reasonable charge. Laredo Transfer Co. Phone 864. 1-27-4t.

—Next Tuesday a municipal election will be held here. But as there is no opposition to any of the present incumbents, and they are all candidates for election, the election promises to be a very mild affair, with a comparatively light vote cast during the day.

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—Judging from the prognostications made in advance for the month of April by Prophets Foster and DeVoe and others, the prevailing drouth will be a thing of the past in a few days, as there are all kinds of rainstorms, thunderstorms and squalls generally predicted for the month of April.

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—Handkerchiefs, laces, domestics, lawns and house furnishings at Saff's. 2-29-4t.

—For self starter work see Yeary at the Citizens Garage. 6-26-1t.

—The following importations from Mexico passed this port yesterday afternoon: Eight carloads of ixtle, five carloads of calamine and one carload of miscellaneous articles.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office. 6-5-1t (Adv.)

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—Notwithstanding rumors to the contrary, trains between Nuevo Laredo and Monterey are operating regularly and on schedule time. This morning there was a rumor afloat that no trains were running, but nevertheless a train left Nuevo Laredo and another arrived this afternoon.

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SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Wednesday.

Mrs. Harrell will entertain with a bridge luncheon at half after nine o'clock in the morning.

Christ Church Parish Guild will meet with Mrs. Donovan at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Miss Edna Brown will entertain the members of the Girl's Social Club at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The Philathea Society will give an entertainment at the Methodist church at eight o'clock in the evening.

Thursday.

Dr. J. B. Wharey of the University of Texas, will address the members of the Tuesday Music and Literary Club in the afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. H. Davis.

Lecture under auspices of Tuesday Music and Literary Club at Elks Hall in the evening.

With the soldiers all in Mexico On catching Villa bent;

With the women of Laredo Observing solemn Lent;

With war cost soaring higher To keep us all from dyeing.

This column has a time of it. But still its flag is flying!

General Mention.

Miss Carlota Meza Morton and Mr. Luis Meza Morton left this morning for Monterey where they will spend a few days.

Mrs. R. L. French and daughters, Katie and Roberta, are in the city on a visit to Miss Annie French.

Mr. W. B. Heaner returned yesterday from a short visit to Eagle Pass.

Mr. Forrest Morris of San Antonio is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mackin.

Mrs. H. Stow Garlick, accompanied by Mrs. Henry Garlick, left today at noon for San Antonio, where they will join Dr. Garlick, who arrived in San Antonio yesterday and is a guest at the St. Anthony. After spending a few days in San Antonio they expect to go to Corpus Christi on a short visit before returning home.

Mrs. Ismael Tamez, wife of the late Colonel Tamez, and daughter, Maria, of Monterey, are the guests of Mrs. C. M. Hall and will be in Laredo for several days.

Mr. Leo Elstetter left on Monday for Humble, Texas, where he is at present located.

"Miss Octavia Bullis will entertain informally at luncheon, complimenting the visiting girls at Fort Sam Houston, Misses Dorothy Smith, Mary Comstock and Dorothy Laubach, who has recently arrived at the fort."

The above clipping taken from the San Antonio Express of yesterday, attests to the popularity of Miss Dorothy Smith, a charming girl, who was the guest of Mrs. R. A. Brown of Fort McIntosh the past month.

Announcements.

Dr. J. B. Wharey will address the members of the Tuesday Music and Literary Club at the home of Mrs. John H. Davis Thursday afternoon at four-thirty o'clock. In the evening at Elks Hall he will deliver a lecture to which the public is invited. Remember the hour—8:30 p. m.

Dinner.

A most enjoyable dinner was given at the home of Mrs. John A. Applewhite last evening in honor of the twenty-first birthday of her son, Dave Clark. The guests were the members of the Sextette and Light Brigade Clubs. The central decoration was the birthday cake which carried twenty-one red candles and was set in a wreath of red geraniums and ferns. Miss Mary Louise Cone blew out the candles, and will be the first bride. Four courses were served and covers were laid for Misses Irene Moser, Maxine Taylor, Mary Louise Cone, Ruth Scratchley, Courtney Slaughter, Miriam Werner; Randall Nye, Henry Burr, Claude Bigden, Thomas Mussett, George Hodges, Dave Clark.

Eastern Star.

Miriam Chapter No. 86, O. E. S., held an interesting and exceptionally fine meeting last evening at 8 o'clock at the Masonic Hall, the occasion being an initiation, and among the candidates was Mrs. Ella Parkin, formerly a resident of Laredo, who received the degrees here by courtesy to Queen Esther Chapter No. 3, Indianapolis, Ind. At the informal reception held following the ceremonies, Mrs.

Parkin was heard to remark: "I had to raise a Mason before I could enter the Eastern Star." The Mason referred to was her son, Mr. Blaine Parkin, also of Indianapolis, who was a well known young man in high school circles and the younger set when he lived in Laredo. It was a pleasure to the members to be able to extend the compliment to Mrs. Parkin. Seasonable refreshments were served and a most enjoyable time was had.

Club Notes.

The members of Christ Church Junior Auxiliary met at the Rectory yesterday afternoon at four o'clock. There was no business session held and a most delightful social time was enjoyed by the children. They celebrated the birthday of Mary Cook, one of their co-workers. After an hour of play the children arranged the table, and placed the birthday cake in the center, where it made a brave showing with its brightly burning candles, ten for Mary's age and one to grow on. Minerva G'Sell cut the button, Elizabeth Nye cut the dime, and Emilie Halsell cut the nickle. Those present were: Minerva G'Sell, Emilie Halsell, Anna Mussett, Marjorie Lou Fish, Mary Besse MacDonald, Anita and Ethel Laue, Elizabeth and Charline Nye, Caroline Bronnan, Judith Gregory, Pearl and Ruby Colman, Elizabeth Kingman, Mary Cook and Mrs. Cook.

The Sunbeam Band of the Baptist Church met at the church at four o'clock yesterday afternoon with Mrs. Abshear as Leader, the subject of the lesson was "Home Missions." Those present were Mrs. Abshear, Annie McMicken, Mary Elizabeth Woods, Ida May Bertrand, Wallace Abshear, Marion Abshear, William and James Burr, Clyde Wharton and Henry Woods.

Rev. W. Cook took the boys of Miss Elizabeth Mussett's Sunday School Class to the Chacon Creek for target practice yesterday afternoon. The boys enjoyed the outing to the fullest extent, Mr. Cook carrying a target, gun and ammunition, and each boy took his turn at practice shooting. The boys were attired in regular scouting costume, even to the red handkerchief around their necks. The personnel included: Edward G'Sell, Billy Derby, George Kehl, John Davis, Lowry Davis, Ralph Cook.

The Sunbeam Band at their meeting yesterday afternoon elected the following officers: President, Elizabeth Woods; vice-president, Wallace Abshear; secretary, Annie Dru McMicken; treasurer, Will Burr.

A very interesting and profitable meeting of the Tuesday Music and Literary Club was held yesterday afternoon with Mrs. Biskamp as leader. A lively discussion was entered into by the members on Browning's view of success and failure. This discussion brought out the fact that the lesson for the afternoon had been well studied and all had derived much benefit and pleasure.

Lesson Topic—Art and Religious Poems of Browning, with special reference to "Fra Lippo Lippi," "Andrea del Sarto," "Saul," "Rabbi Ben Ezra," "My Lost Duchess."

Responses, quotations from lesson topic.

"The Dramatic Monologue," Mrs. Matthews Voice, "Hayfields and Butterflies," Del Riego

"From the Land of the Sky Blue Water," Cadman

Miss Courtney Slaughter. Reading, extract from "Andrea del Sarto," Miss Merriman

Browning's Religious Faith. Mrs. J. W. Kenney Voice, "Will o' the Wisp," Spross

"Spring Has Come," White

Miss Myrtle Mackin. Reading, extracts from "Rabbi Ben Ezra," Miss Belle Westbrook

Leader's Talk.

WHY SHOULD HONEST MEN FEAR THE LAW.

If, in the course of human events, we have reached a point in government where speedy injustice is more desirable than delayed Justice, where the penalty of guilt is cheaper than the reward of innocence, where the certainty of wrong is preferable to the uncertainty of right, and where good citizens tremble in the temple of Justice like children on a stormy night, then we have traveled a long way from the tradition of our forefathers. Whose government is this, that honest men need fear it? If we have reached a point in government where any good citizen must cringe and cover before the law like vassal slaves before their master, and dicker for Justice though it were a special privilege, then if we are true to the teachings of Washington and Jefferson, it is not only the right, but the duty of the citizen to abolish government.—Texas Economic League.

CHASE OF VILLA STILL RELENTLESS BUT MEAGER REPORTS HIDE TROOP POSITIONS

Both Americans and Carrancistas Apparently Have Lost Track of Villa, While Scattered Bands of Outlaws are Operating Independently in the Chihuahua and Torreon Vicinities, It is Reported.

HEAVY ATTACKS BY THE BELLIGERENTS

FRENCH AND GERMANS BOTH CLAIM ADVANTAGE AT SEPARATE POINTS AT VERDUN.

By Associated Press.

The French at Verdun last night launched a heavy attack on the German lines in Avocourt woods. There was force enough to drive the Germans from a part of their positions, Paris reports. The Germans promptly made a counter attack, but were driven back with losses. The German statement says the French positions north of Malancourt several lines deep along a 2,000-meter front have been stormed by the Germans. There is desperate fighting on the Austro-Italian front, and Rome reports that the Italians were victors in a 40-hour battle at Grafenberger, northwest of Gorizia.

Raid on Saloniki.

Paris, March 29.—Twenty were killed, forty injured and two German aeroplanes destroyed in Monday's air raid on Saloniki, says the official statement today.

Torpedoed and Shelled.

Washington, March 29.—Affidavits secured at Liverpool from three American survivors of the British horse ship Englishman say that the vessel was torpedoed and shelled by a German submarine, according to state department advices. The fact that the vessel was shelled led officials to believe that she might have tried to escape.

Cardinal's Secretary Arrested.

London, March 29.—M. Loncin, private secretary to Cardinal Mercier, the Belgian primate, has been arrested, according to a Brussels despatch.

TO ARRIVE FRIDAY.

By Associated Press.

London, March 29.—The premier of New Zealand has been notified by wireless that the auxiliary ship Aurora of the Shackleton antarctic expedition expects to arrive at New Zealand Friday.

FIGHTING PASTOR GOES TO HIGH COURT.

Philadelphia, March 29.—The Pennsylvania Supreme Court will soon take up the appeal of Dr. George Chalmers Richmond, the "fighting pastor" of Philadelphia, from the decree of the Common Pleas Court ousted him from the church property of St. John's Episcopal Church in this city. Dr. Richmond has been through a long contest in the ecclesiastical courts as well as the state courts, and although defeated thus far in his efforts to retain his pastorate, is hopeful of victory. His present difficulties arose through differences with Bishop Rhinelander, during which the rector severely criticised his superior in letters and in public. He was ordered deposed and a successor was sent to preach in his pulpit, but Dr. Richmond held "the fort," and he was backed up by a majority of the vestrymen. Some years ago, Dr. Richmond was in the limelight in New York state, where he campaigned against "political and ecclesiastical devils," and was ousted only by the disbanding of his church.

SPORT NOTES.

That Johnny Kilbane has forfeited his title to the featherweight championship is the claim of many sport writers, as the outcome of his refusal to honor his agreement to meet George Chaney at Baltimore.

Kentucky will have 62 days of its favorite sport this season, beginning late in April and ending in July.

Jeff Smith is matched to fight Gus Christie at Fund du Lac, Wis., tonight.

By Associated Press.

El Paso, March 29.—The chase after Villa goes relentlessly on, but from the meagerness of official despatches it is impossible to learn the position of the American troops and how far in the rear of the fleeing band they are. Villa was last heard of as headed toward the Tarahumara mountains. The Carranza commanders also apparently have lost track of Villa. Armed bands of Villa forces are reported in various parts of Chihuahua and near Torreon, operating independently.

No Disturbance at Tampico.

Galveston, Texas, March 29.—Quiet prevails in Tampico and the oil camps in that vicinity, according to Americans arriving here today on the Morgan liner Topila from Tampico. They say there has been no disturbance of any kind and no anti-American demonstrations.

Lieut. Allison Died.

El Paso, Texas, March 29.—Joseph W. Allison, second lieutenant of the Fifteenth Cavalry, who was brought back to the base hospital at Fort Bliss from Casas Grandes suffering from a cold that developed into pneumonia, died today.

Natives Friendly to Villa.

San Antonio, Texas, March 29.—Villa was moving towards Santa Catarina in the Santa Maria valley four days ago, according to a report to Gen. Funston this morning. Gen. Pershing said the residents of the valley appeared to be friendly to Villa, which is giving the scouts difficulty in learning Villa's movements. As to the details of the actual chase, Gen. Funston knows little more than the public.

HAISELDEN WILL APPEAL FROM MEDICAL OUST.

Chicago, March 29.—Friends of Dr. Harry J. Haiselden, who was recently expelled from the Chicago Medical Society because of alleged unethical conduct during and following the famous Bollinger baby case, believe that the doctor will appeal from the decision of the council which ousted him, at the April meeting. In case further consideration is unfavorable to him, he may appeal to the Illinois Medical Society, and in event of an adverse decision there, to the American Medical Association.

The doctor refused to operate on the Bollinger infant, because, he said, surgery could never repair its defects. Haiselden permitted the publication of a serial story of the affair in certain newspapers, under his own name, and posed for moving pictures. He was very much in the lime-light, and he brought up an interesting question as to a doctor's duty to prolong life in hopeless cases.

PENNSYLVANIA'S LAST HANGING.

Philadelphia, March 29.—James Reilly, a wife-murderer, of this city, will be hanged tomorrow morning. He will be the last person to be hanged in this State, electrocution being the newer method of capital punishment. Reilly's crime was committed prior to the enactment of the electrocution law. The State Board of Pardons has refused to recommend commutation of his sentence and has refused a rehearing. Governor Brumbaugh on March 6 issued the last warrant for a hanging in Pennsylvania.

PROPOSALS FOR DRAFT AND PACK MULES.

Office Depot Quartermaster, Fort Sam Houston, Texas:—Sealed proposals will be received here until 11 a. m., Central time, April 6, 1916, and then opened for furnishing 80 draft and 10 pack mules. Further information on application.

Onion Shipments.

Fifty-eight cars of onions were shipped out of Laredo last night over the I. & G. N. This makes a total of 422 cars so far shipped from this city this season.

THIRTY KILLED IN RAILROAD WRECK

TRIPLE TRAIN WRECK ON NEW YORK CENTRAL NEAR CLEVELAND IN A HEAVY FOG.

By Associated Press.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 29.—Thirty persons are known to be dead and twenty-five seriously injured, some fatally, in a wreck of three fast New York Central trains, including the Twentieth Century Limited, at Amherst, near here, at 4 o'clock this morning. Rescuers are working frantically to recover more dead and injured from the mass of wreckage.

The most of the killed were in the rear day coach of one train, which was crashed into by another. Bodies, scantily clad, were mutilated beyond recognition. None of the Limited passengers were killed.

One section of the east bound train stopped to take water. Due to a fog the second section crashed into the first from the rear, and then the Limited westbound came tearing through, crashing into the wreckage of both trains.

The identified dead are: Rev. Gustav Walyi, Detroit; Walter Easton, Philadelphia; Frank Gallagher, Brooklyn; Dora Rosenberg, Toronto; A. B. Pasheltai, Cleveland; B. E. Ash, Olmstead Falls, Ohio; J. H. Hearn, Gallipolis, Ohio; Marcinoa Bennett, Indiana Harbor, Ind.; Gregory Ojonca, Indianapolis; Rose Nodaha, Indianapolis.

The exact number of dead may not be known until night. Twenty-five bodies had been taken out at noon and five more are known to be in the wreckage.

NEWARK CONFERENCE BOOSTS METHODIST UNITY.

Newark, N. J., March 29.—The Newark Methodist conference assembled today for its 59th session, and its interest centers principally on a number of subjects which are to be discussed at the quadrennial session of the General Conference in Saratoga next May. Among these is the proposition to unify the several branches of Methodism, and it is understood that the plan will be given a big boost at the present session. Another proposal is the election of bishops for races and nationalities.

The unification project involves the amalgamation of the Methodist Church, North and South, and the establishment of what is being referred to as the American Methodist Church. The Southern church has already definitely acted upon the proposal and its needs only the concurrent action of the Northern body to make it effective.

BEHIND THE TIMES.

The United States in its judicial procedure is many decades behind every other civilized government in the world; and I say that it is an immediate and imperative call upon us to rectify that, because the speediness of Justice, the inexpensiveness of Justice, the ready access of Justice is the greater part of Justice itself.—President Wilson.

Free Lunch Tomorrow.

A free lunch consisting of delicious and specially prepared "menu" will be served at the Stockman's Bar on the south side of Market Plaza from ten to twelve o'clock tomorrow morning and from five to eight o'clock tomorrow evening. The public is cordially invited and the management hopes to have everybody come around and get a lunch.

IS IT A BLUFF?

The Fatherland, the organ of the German empire in the United States, says that the president of the German societies in New York has informed President Wilson that the choice of the pro-German element for president is Justice Hughes.

The editor of The Fatherland, while he states that he is not prepared to go quite so far as the other German leader, makes it clear that his only hesitation is because he is not sure of Justice Hughes' fitness for the office, and not because of any idea of right or wrong which would prevent him from making such a threat to the chief executive.

It is time that the pernicious activity of such people as Vilecek and his associates on The Fatherland were curbed. Not content with daily publishing treasonous information for the benefit of the German officials, he goes so far as to say direct that he will do all in his power to rouse the Germans in the United States against the Democratic party, President Wilson and all others who have failed to aid the German empire in its fight against the Entente allies.

There have been several appeals by the president to Americans to remain neutral, while there is not a day that the United States and its highest officials are not attacked and abused by this paper subsidized by the German government to carry on the propaganda in this country.

The attacks on the Anglo-French loan were both bitter and abusive, while The Fatherland carries several advertisements of German and Austrian war loans, not offered in this country, but in their original place of issue, through American agents.

The same issue that attacked the United States for not better protecting its mails to foreign countries carried an advertisement offering to accept pay for shipping "war packages" to Amsterdam for transshipment to even the men in the German and Austrian trenches.

The Fatherland reeks with the names of traitors to Great Britain who would not dare to return to their native land because of treasonable practices against their own governments, and one of the articles given the place of honor in its recent issue is by Ignatius T. Lincoln, the self-confessed German spy who was formerly a member of the British parliament, and who is now under arrest to be sent back to England on a charge of a felony.

All this might be bearable were the editors of this treason sheet to confine themselves to such acts, but when he attempts to openly threaten the president of the United States with defeat at the polls because of his brave stand for American neutrality, it would seem time to put a stop to his pernicious activities in the country which he is attempting to use as a stool pigeon with his assumed American naturalization while in the direct pay of the German government.

The German-Americans in this country are used to voting as their own conscience directs. They are not easily led by the nose, and while comparatively few of them vote the Democratic ticket, it is not likely that they will work for a Republican candidate merely at the behest of The Fatherland.

At any rate, President Wilson could better afford to go down in defeat than to knuckle to any foreigner masquerading as an American citizen, whether he be a German, an Englishman or a Chinaman.

Our constitution provides that a man forfeits his American citizenship after naturalization if he transfers his loyalty to another country or enlists in the service of any other country.

Just why Vilecek should feel himself qualified to give instructions to any American candidate for the presidency of this republic is not plain. He is not an American, even though he does claim to have been naturalized. He himself says he is not a German. But he is anything but a neutral, and his activities in the line of attempting to dictate to the American people as to their president should be stopped suddenly.

OBREGON AS STATESMAN.

A news despatch says that Gen. Alvaro Obregon charges the United States with being the cause of the border troubles. He declares that had President Wilson "permitted him to take out of the United States Villa's spies and execute them, trouble would have been prevented."

Obregon has shown himself on several occasions to be a fairly good military commander, even though on some occasions he was most completely and thoroughly whipped. But it is evident that as a statesman he is a lamentable failure.

His naive idea that he should be permitted to "take out of the United States" the Villa spies, or any other Mexicans to whom he had taken a dislike, is worthy of the school of statecraft to which he belongs, with some of the other Mexicans who have sprung into prominence from obscurity during the past few years.

That there may be Villa spies in this country no one denies. For two years or more there were Carranza spies scattered all over Texas, from the border to Houston and Galveston. Some of them even made their headquarters in Washington or New York, where they gave out columns of misleading information to the hungry horde of newspapermen almost daily.

There were even Huerta spies, Felix Diaz spies, convention spies and other Mexican spies without any definite connection with any political party. For he is known, a certain class of Mexicans thrives upon spying, taking to it as naturally as to his mother's milk.

But the naivete of Obregon's suggestion that he should have been allowed to "take out of the United States" the spies of an opposing fac-

tion is not even amusing. It is so childish as to excite compassion for the sort of brains that occupy his occiput.

How would he go about the operation of "taking out" the spies, even granting that we were complacent enough to permit it? By what evidence would he prove the guilt of the Villa spies, if not by the Carranza spies domiciled in our midst?

By what process of reasoning would he justify a demand to be permitted to "take out" the spies of an enemy, while the spies, the hired writers, the arms smugglers and the other pernicious active employees of his own faction were permitted to remain unmolested in our midst?

On many occasions the Carranza element in this country, long before the recognition of Carranza, made charges against various persons suspected of complicity in plots against the Carrancista cause. Some of these people were deported, others were fined and others—by far the greater part of the accused—proved their innocence of the charges. What were the people who secured the evidence against the accused if they were not Carranza spies, and how do they expect immunity for themselves and punishment for others?

The United States may be trusted to handle the question of the Villa spies to its own best interests. It is natural for the Carrancistas to suspect that their opponents will be accorded fair and decent treatment, as they remember how well they were treated themselves.

The time may come when we shall regret having been so lenient with the spies of all the factions. In our endeavor to escape the consequences of the suspicious surveillance which obtains across the border, we have gone to the other extreme, and we have permitted all sorts of abuses to exist here in order that no man might say that he was mistreated or abused while under the protection of our flag.

We offer a safe refuge to the political refugee from all countries. We permit no man to be extradited simply because he was a political opponent of the party in power, nor do we turn over any foreigner to his enemies unless good and sufficient evidence is shown to establish a charge of crime.

Obregon's friends and sympathizers may be trusted to give him full, even if inaccurate, information regarding the presence here of the Villa spies. If the evidence would warrant their arrest, he should offer it to our authorities.

Friendliness to Villa on the part of the residents of a certain section in the mountains is giving the scouts difficulty in learning of the bandit's movements. Must remind Funston of his campaign in the Philippines.

Already our officials have begun to seek excuses for sinking the British horse ship Englishman, and they announce that the fact that she was shelled leads them to believe that she might have tried to escape. Von Bernstorff himself could have made no better plea.

The Austro-Italian campaign has again opened up, which leads one to believe that spring has reached the mountains. It is not so pleasant fighting in twenty feet of snow that may turn into an avalanche at a moment's warning.

LAREDO SCOUTS A REALITY

Persistent Efforts Have Eventually Resulted in Success and Troop is Now Being Formed Here.

In response to the call for a second meeting of the young men of the city interested in the formation of a troop of cavalry to be known as the Laredo Scouts, and which will be a part of the Rough Riders' Regiment, which has headquarters in San Antonio, a number of prospective volunteer scouts assembled in the Firemen's Hall last night and enrolled their names.

Up to the time the meeting closed last night a total of about twenty-five qualified men had been mustered into the company and the indications are very favorable for the securing of as many more immediately, as many who had previously affixed their signatures to the roster failed to show up last night. However, the promoters of the Laredo Scouts expect to have a troop of at least seventy-five men equipped, drilled and ready for service at any time now that a call for their services may be made.

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PRESIDENT TO HONOR MEMORY OF METHODIST PIONEER

Washington, March 30.—President Wilson will join in the observance that the Methodists all over the country will tender the memory of Francis Asbury, the builder of the Methodist Church in America. Tomorrow evening, the President will attend the Baltimore Annual Conference, which is being held here, and he has promised to speak. Bishop Earl Cranston will preside and introduce the President.

It will be just a hundred years ago tomorrow that Francis Asbury, an English Methodist preacher, now called "The Wesley of America," passed away in Spotsylvania, Va., at the home of George Arnold, an old friend. He had been for a half century the prophet without a home. He had been welcome everywhere by rich and poor alike, had crossed the Alleghenies fifty times, and rode 300,000 miles on horseback preaching and organizing.

The Washington celebration of the Asbury centenary takes on special significance, not only because of the President's participation, but also because the occasion brings forward the question of a monument to be erected here to the great itinerant evangelist. All of the various Methodist bodies in the country are co-operating in the movement for a fitting memorial to Francis Asbury.

When Asbury reached America in 1771, there were in all the country not more than seven preachers in the Methodist Church. When he died the membership exceeded 281,000, and there were over 700 preachers. In this tremendous and unparalleled advance, Francis Asbury was the moving, organizing, directing evangelizing spirit.

The man who is honored throughout America tomorrow was born near Birmingham, England, August 21, 1746. His parents had hoped to educate him, but it was his misfortune to have a cruel schoolmaster, and frequent beatings finally drove him to an apprenticeship. He was always studious, and made the best of such opportunities as he had. When he was 17 he received a license to preach. A few years later he joined Wesley and preached under his appointment for five years. He was but twenty six, when, as a volunteer preacher in America, he was placed in charge of Methodist work in the colonies.

When the story of the battle of Lexington and Concord spread throughout the colonies, and war was inevitable, Asbury cast in his lot with "the rebels," while all the other English preachers left the country. It took him a few years to convince the colonist that he was a loyal American, but he changed all doubts into the greatest affection. When the republic was in the most dangerous period of its formative growth, Asbury visited nearly every one of the thirteen states, preaching wherever opportunity offered or could be made.

Asbury never forgot the kindness of any man or woman, but treasured in his heart all evidences of friendship. Many a time, hard pressed over weary roads, he turned aside to weep at the graves of those who had been kind to him. It was this friendliness and kindness that partially explains his remarkable command over men. Ten years before he died, he found the members of the Western Conference so much in need that he sold his cloak, his watch and his one spare shirt to help them out.

It was at Perry Hall, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Gough, in Baltimore County, Maryland, that the meeting was held which established the Methodist Episcopal Church in America. With Francis Asbury, were William Black, the founder of Methodism in Nova Scotia, Dr. Thomas Coke, who had been sent by Wesley from England, together with two elders, Richard Whatcoat and Thomas Vasey. The plans were completed on Christmas Eve, and on Christmas Day, 1784, the first conference of the church was held in Lovely Lane Meeting House, in Baltimore. Francis Asbury was made bishop, and for thirty two years, he carried forward the new church until, seeing it safely and steadily launched on its journey, he could go to his resting place.

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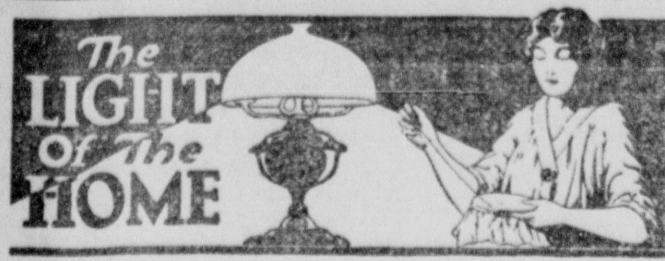
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- 1812—British government notified foreign ministers in London that efficient measures had been pursued to blockade American ports.
- 1848—People of Hungary rebelled against their Austrian rulers, and Hungary declared its independence. With aid from Russia, Austria suppressed the movement during the next year.
- 185—End of the Crimean War; treaty of peace signed at Paris by French, English and Turkish allies with Russia.
- 1856—Leading powers of Europe agreed by treaty to abolish privateering.
- 1863—Pres. Lincoln appointed April 30 a day of fasting and prayer.
- 1867—Alaska purchase agreed to; price was seven millions, with two hundred thousand dollars to settle the claims of Russian residents.
- 1889—The Eiffel Tower in Paris was opened.
- 1914—British government repudiated offensive move against Ulster; Premier Asquith assumed war portfolio when Secretary Seely resigned.
- 1915—THE WAR: American note to England protests food blockade against Germany as invasion of neutral rights. England starts move for total prohibition during the war. Russians capture Artvin, in the Caucasus, throwing the Turks back to the South.

Take HERBINE for indigestion. It relieves the pain in a few minutes and forces the fermented matter which causes the misery into the bowels where it is expelled. Price 50c. Sold by all druggists.

THIS IS MY 65th BIRTHDAY

DR. ALEXANDER C. HUMPHREYS.
Dr. Alexander C. Humphreys, noted engineer and educator, president of Stevens Institute of Technology at Hoboken, is 65 years old today. Dr. Humphreys was born at Edinburgh, Scotland, March 30, 1851, and was educated in the private school taught by his father, a prominent Scotch physician. At fourteen young Alexander went to work, and a few years later he came to America. He settled in New Jersey and worked for gas plants, finally becoming, at 21, superintendent of a plant. He then went to school to study engineering in the same institution that he now heads. He won his degree and became chief engineer of a big New York gas company. Later he was senior member of a large engineering corporation in London and New York. In 1902 he became president of Stevens Institute. He had always interested himself in the educational feature of his work, and his cadet corps organized from students of all colleges who received a post-graduate course in practical engineering under his eye, was a popular organization. Dr. Humphreys makes his home in Morristown, N. J.

Colds Quickly Relieved.

Many people cough and cough—from the beginning of Fall right through to Spring. Others get cold after cold. Take Dr. King's New Discovery and you will get almost immediate relief. It checks your cold, stops the racking, rasping, tissue-tearing cough, heals the inflammation, soothes the raw tubes. Easy to take, Antiseptic and Healing. Get a 50c. bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery today. "It is certainly a great medicine and I keep a bottle of it continually on hand" writes W. C. Jesseman, Franconia, N. H. Money back if not satisfied.

You Need a Tonic

There are times in every woman's life when she needs a tonic to help her over the hard places. When that time comes to you, you know what tonic to take—Cardui, the woman's tonic. Cardui is composed of purely vegetable ingredients, which act gently, yet surely, on the weakened womanly organs, and helps build them back to strength and health. It has benefited thousands and thousands of weak, ailing women in its past half century of wonderful success, and it will do the same for you. You can't make a mistake in taking

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

Miss Amelia Wilson, R. F. D. No. 4, Alma, Ark., says: "I think Cardui is the greatest medicine on earth, for women. Before I began to take Cardui, I was so weak and nervous, and had such awful dizzy spells and a poor appetite. Now I feel as well and as strong as I ever did, and can eat most anything." Begin taking Cardui today. Sold by all dealers.

Has Helped Thousands.

LITTLE LOCALS

—Tomorrow is the last day of March, or one-fourth of the new year of 1916 is already passed. The month of April, which is known as the month of showers and wet spells, should be such as to mitigate the present drouthy condition that is making conditions unpleasant for stockmen and many others.

—Velvet ice cream served at the People's Pharmacy, (Botica del Pueblo). Best in the South. Made in San Antonio. Specials on Sunday. Huyler's King and Blanke, Wenner's candies kept on ice.

—Quite a few people from the city went out to the Ninth Infantry Camp last night to enjoy the music rendered there during the concert by the Ninth Infantry Band.

—The finest line of wall paper in Laredo. D. D. Cline. Office phone 850-W.

—This evening on the Jarvis Plaza the regular Thursday night concert by the Ninth Infantry Band will be given. A good program of high-class selections have been incorporated into the program and those who turn out to hear the concert this evening are assured a musical treat.

—Demonstrations on the Domestic Science Fireless Cooker by an expert who knows how, during the entire coming week, April 3 to 8 inclusive. We want every lady in Laredo to be present, as we will have different menus every day. A. Deutz and Bro.

—Old hats made new by the Modern Hatter. 1120 Farragut street.

—This is a year of primaries and elections of all kinds—everything from school trustee of an independent school district to president of the United States will be elected. In July the Democratic primaries will be held throughout Texas, and these are equivalent to an election, but just to verify their election the conventional general election is held in November.

—We buy and sell real estate. D. D. Cline. Phone 850-W.

—Now is the time to clip your horses. We do it at a reasonable charge. Laredo Transfer Co. Phone 864.

—Just two more months of school and then three months of vacation. No doubt many are already planning to like to some resort to spend vacation, while others will spend their leisure time with the old folks at home. The young folks who are away attending school will be wending their way home—so the coming and going is thus counterbalanced.

—Don't fail to attend the Domestic Science Fireless Cooker demonstration during the entire coming week at A. Deutz and Bro.

—Have four finest building lots on the Heights for sale. D. D. Cline. Phone 850-W.

—Seventy-nine carloads of Laredo onions rolled out for the east by special trainloads last night. Laredo onions have popularized themselves in the east and people up there, in indulging in tete-a-tetes are no doubt brought to a realization that the Texas odorous bulb is easily assimilated, but the odor ever remains to remind one that there were Texas onions on the family board.

—Teacher of English, Spanish and Gregg Shorthand, evening lessons only. Apply Will W. Gregg. Times office.

—The following marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk since last report: Refugio Elizondo and Luisa Dimas, Jose Trinidad Martinez and Teresa Jendrusch.

—Handkerchiefs, laces, domestics, lawns and house furnishings at Saff's. 2-29-tf.

—For self starter work see Yeary at the Citizens Garage.

—The following is a list of the importations from Mexico which passed through Laredo yesterday afternoon: Seventeen carloads of lxtle, three carloads of calamine and two carloads of hides.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office.

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans.

4-24-tf. (Adv.)

—At a special called meeting at Fireman's Hall this evening at 8 o'clock Lone Star Hook and Ladder Co. will elect a delegate to represent that organization at the State Firemen's Association meeting in New Braunfels in May.

—If it is neat and accurate job printing that you want send your orders to The Times job department. Expert workmanship and the best of materials.

Onion Shipments.

Seventy-nine cars of onions were shipped out of Laredo last night over the I. & G. N. This makes a total of 501 cars so far shipped from this city this season.

CITY GARAGE

AUTOS FOR HIRE

PHONE 55

Vulcanizing and tire repairing.

DEALER IN JUNK.

1309 Farragut St.

J NIETO, Prop

AN EARLY MORNING TRAGEDY IN NORTHWEST PART OF CITY

PERPETRATOR OF DEED INTENDED TO MAKE IT DOUBLE ACT

Shot Wife Through Ear and Then Sent Bullets Through Own Head and Near Heart; Jealousy Was Cause.

This morning about 5 o'clock, presumably following a quarrel brought on by domestic troubles and attributed to that green-eyed monster called "Jealousy," a double tragedy was narrowly averted, and as it was, only the would-be perpetrator of the double tragedy succeeded in making it a single affair. That jealousy was the cause of the rash act wherein a man shot his wife and then sent his own soul into perdition, was related in a letter left by the man.

The man who thus attempted to send two souls into eternity shortly before the break of day this morning was Nicolas Ramirez, a recent arrival here, who with his wife has been residing in an old abandoned building known as the old "sampling works" near the R. G. & E. P. shops. This morning shortly after two o'clock, during one of his despondent moods and when his mind was in a state of melancholy, the man sat down and inscribed a letter to a Spanish paper in Laredo in which he told what he intended to do and ascribed the cause for the decision to kill his wife and himself to nothing but jealousy. What transpired between the time that he wrote the letter at two o'clock this morning and the designated time for the attempted commission of his dastardly deed, can only be conjectured. Hence what took place between the time elapsing between 2 and 5 o'clock is unknown. But at 5 o'clock Ramirez "started something," when he put his 44-calibre revolver into action and took two shots at his wife. But, luckily, he was a bad marksman and the woman suffered only a puncture through one ear and fell to the floor, this being the result of fright.

Ramirez hiked out. The police department was immediately notified and Assistant City Marshal Augustin Salinas and members of his force rushed to the scene. They found the woman with a hole in her ear from a 44-calibre bullet, but otherwise she was not seriously injured. She told the officers that her husband had shot her. Then the officers began a search for the man, as the wife said he rushed from the house with the pistol in his hand and intended to take his own life.

After instituting the search for the man the officers looked into boxcars and other cars and in nearby buildings, but could not find him. Finally they retraced their steps and found the man lying in a boxcar in a pool of blood. He was in a comatose condition, with a terrible wound in one side of his head and another through his breast in the region of the heart. The officers pulled him to the door of the car. It was about 6 o'clock when the man was found and the assistant marshal dispatched a messenger for a Justice of the peace and a doctor. Both arrived in short order, but while the man was being removed to the hospital he expired, never having regained consciousness. The body was turned over to Undertaker Convery and an inquest was held.

Close on Saturday.

Owing to Saturday being election day, Moser's store will be closed that day, but will remain open until 9:30 p. m. Friday to accommodate our patrons.

MOSER'S STORE

When to Take Chamberlain's Tablets. When you feel dull and stupid after eating.

When constipated or bilious. When you have a sick headache. When you have a sour stomach. When you belch after eating. When you have indigestion. When nervous or despondent. When you have no relish for your meals.

When your liver is torpid. Obtainable everywhere.

"Why Swear, Dear? Use 'Gets-It' for Corns!"

It's the New Plan. Simple. Sure as Fate. Applied in a Few Seconds.

"Why, John, I never knew you to use such language! I've told you several times it's no use to try those bandages, salves, tapes, plasters, and



"You Wouldn't Lose Your Temper, John, If You Used 'Gets-It' for Those Corns."

contraptions for corns. Here's some 'Gets-It.' It's just wonderful how easy, 'clear and clean' it makes any corn come right off. Takes but a few seconds to apply. It dries at once. Put your sock on right over it—there's nothing to stick or roll up, form a corn. It's painless, simple as rolling off a log. Now put away those knives, razors and scissors, use 'Gets-It' and you'll have a sweeter disposition and no more corns and calluses."

"Gets-It" is sold by druggists everywhere. 25c, a bottle, or sent direct by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago, Ill. Sold in Laredo and recommended as the world's best corn remedy by Flavio Vargas.

From Saturday's Daily.

NEED OF RENT HOUSES.

There is perhaps not a city in the United States of equal size where the need of rent houses is so great as in Laredo at the present time. It is not an exaggeration to say that the housing problem is more acute here than anywhere else in Texas.

During more than two years past we have had a great many refugees from Mexico to care for, many of them of the better class who were used to good houses and modern conveniences. These people were so bitterly in need of houses that they were content to pay a greatly increased rent for the accommodation, and the result was that those of the Americans who were not able to build their homes were forced to pay the enormous rents which have been charged.

Some of the refugees who had sufficient funds soon built their own houses, believing that the interest on the investment and the deterioration would not amount to as much as the rent, while residents of the city did all they could to secure the money with which to construct their own homes.

Of late the rents had been going down, but the influx of new refugees caused by the uneasiness over the American punitive expedition has caused the rents once more to leap skyward.

There are four and five room houses in this city costing more in rent than flats of the same size would cost in New York City. There is not a house in San Antonio of the same size for which the proprietor would dare ask the rent that Laredo landlords are demanding—and receiving.

It is true that a great many residences have been built within the past two years, but comparatively few of them were built to rent, most of the new houses being constructed either by or for their occupants.

If the rent prices continue to rise during the next two years, there will not be an American family of the wage-earning class that can afford to rent a decent house. And the houses that are usually offered for rent have but the most limited conveniences, such as are usually found in houses in the most remote city suburbs.

There is no reason for the condition here. Taxes are lower than in many cities of this size. There is no special assessment for street paving, street sprinkling, sewerage or other improvements. It is safe to say that there is not a house in Laredo assessed within a half of its value. But the owners are taking advantage of extraordinary conditions to so raise the rents that they are forcing many people to build for themselves in self-defense.

A capitalist looking for an investment with sure returns could do no better than to build a lot of rent houses with modern conveniences that would rent for a reasonable sum. When one sees the rent of a four-room cottage with only the most rudimentary sanitary conveniences and without either bath or a place to put one quoted at \$25 a month, he is apt to wonder at the long-suffering patience of the Laredo renter.

Naturally the excuse offered for raising the rent to such a pitch is that "someone else will pay it if you don't." The same excuse might well be made by a highway robber. Simply because a lot of strangers come here and must have houses to live in or go elsewhere is no reason why a man who is living here in a lawful occupation should be forced to pay more than he can afford or live in a shack that could not have been rented at all a year or two ago.

Naturally those who are working here and have to live in a house with a good floor and roof must pay the rent that is demanded. Most of them are not financially equipped to build for themselves. Which leads to the question, Why would not a good building and loan association do well in Laredo?

Something must be done to put an end to the extortion, for it is nothing less. And some of the landlords will some day find themselves without respectable tenants.

MORAL OBLIQUITY.

It has been alleged that so far the alleged German spies arrested were of an irresponsible class, and not to be considered representative of the German people.

The other day representatives of our department of justice arrested one Captain Hans Tauscher, German's expert on ordinance in this country, charging him with setting on foot in this country a military expedition to Canada for the purpose of destroying the Welland Canal.

Tauscher admitted that he acted under secret orders issued by Captain Franz von Papen, the German military attaché who, with another German officer, was recalled upon complaint of our government that the two were committing acts against the peace and dignity of the United States.

Capt. Tauscher was of high social standing, both at home and in this country. He is the husband of Madame Gadeki, the noted opera prima donna, and has the entrée to the best social circles in this country.

The moral obliquity of a government that continues to use its agents to foment disturbances in our country in order to "strike a blow" at an enemy nation is incomprehensible to Americans.

It was believed that Germany recognized the futility of such attempts when the two attaches were recently recalled, as well as when the man who attempted to blow up a Canadian bridge was arrested. But it is now becoming evident that there is no limit to Germany's duplicity, and that we must treat all German officials in this country as objects of suspicion, if not actually as criminals.

We have nothing to do with Germany's quarrel with Great Britain. It is nothing to us that Germany wants

to invade Canada and destroy as much as possible of her industries and resources. But it is our concern when a German officer attempts to invade Canada through the United States and makes of this country a place in which to plot against a friendly nation.

We have to a certain extent laid ourselves open to such actions by our tacit permission to the Mexican factions to use our country as headquarters, and to make our border towns supply depots for their expeditions. But the case is different with Germany. The Mexican plotters were not the authorized agents of an established government, nor had we any diplomatic relations with them or their chiefs.

The German officials in this country are not political exiles, looking for a safe refuge. They come here as duly accredited representatives of a great nation, and they or their government are responsible for all unlawful acts committed while in our country.

The contemptuous indifference with which the German officials slight our laws and regulations is proof of the lack of consideration which they have for us. And the bold, barefaced lies with which they seek to sneak out of the consequences of their criminal practices prove their moral obliquity and place them in the category of enemies masquerading under the cloak of friendship.

Nothing can excuse the attempts to form expeditions in our country to attack a nation with whom we are on friendly terms. It is not only a violation of our neutrality and our friendly relations with Great Britain, it is a violation of the relations between Germany and the United States.

There can be no possible evasion of the charge that Capt. Tauscher was acting under directions from the German government. Captains in the German army do not take upon themselves the planning and carrying into effect of armed expeditions without the sanction and perhaps the orders of the central government. And Tauscher was here as his government's ordinance expert, charged with the duty of inspecting the arms bought for Germany in our factories.

The act of such officers of Germany in this country is even more deserving of a sharp note than the sinking of the Lusitania. It is a direct act of hostility.

First blood has been drawn by the punitive expedition, and some thirty of the Villa marauders have been killed, with no deaths reported among the Americans. This will put a stop to some of the sneers at our troops, as well as to the doubts that we meant business.

The New York doctor who confessed that he had a "dual personality" has been indicted for the murder by poison of his father-in-law. Perhaps they can get rid of one of his personalities through the electric treatment at Ossining. And there will be little kick if both personalities are destroyed by the same operation.

MONITION.

In the United States District Court, for the Southern District of Texas, United States of America vs. Two Scarf Pins, et al. D. L. 92, Marshall's Docket 1463.

In obedience to a Warrant of Seizure to me directed, in the above-entitled cause, I have seized and taken into my possession the following described property, to-wit: 2 Scarf Pins, 5 Pair of Ear Rings, 1 Ladies Watch, 1 Ruby and Diamond Set, 1 Garnet Ring with Diamonds, 1 three in One Ring, 2 Marquise Rings, 2 Gold Rings set with Diamonds, 1 Pair Cuff Buttons, 2 Pendants, 1 Sapphire and Diamond Set, 1 Owl Stick Pin. For the causes set forth in the libel now pending in the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas, at Laredo, Texas, I hereby give notice to all persons claiming the said described property, or knowing or having anything to say why the same should not be condemned and forfeited, and the proceeds thereof distributed according to the prayer of the libel, that they be and appear before the said Court, to be held in and for the Southern District of Texas, at the City of Laredo, on the 17th day of April, 1916, at 10 o'clock on the forenoon of that day, if the same shall be a day of jurisdiction, otherwise on the next day of jurisdiction thereafter, then and there to interpose a claim for the same, and to make their allegations in that behalf.

J. A. HERRING, U. S. Marshal, Sou. Dist. of Texas, by ALLEN WALKER, Deputy, Laredo Division. 4-1-1916.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES ELECTION

TWO VOTING PLACES OPEN TO ACCOMMODATE VOTERS FOR ELECTION THREE TRUSTEES, BUT VOTE LIGHT.

This morning the two polling places, at the Central school building for the first and second wards and the Moser school for the third and fourth wards, were open on schedule time for the reception of voters in the election whereby a set of three trustees of the Laredo Independent School District are to be chosen.

Up to noon today an exceedingly light vote was polled, showing unreasonable indifference on the part of voters as to the election because of the fact that there was no opposition. And still these are a part of the board of school trustees that for the next two years will guide the destinies of the greatest institution of this commonwealth, the public schools.

Onion Shipments.

Eighty-three cars of onions were shipped out of Laredo last night over the I. & G. N. This makes a total of 664 cars so far shipped from this city this season.

MAY QUEEN CONTEST NOW ON; LIST OF THE NOMINATIONS

CORONATION OF YOUNG LADY AS MAY QUEEN AT FESTIVAL.

Crowning Event Will Take Place on the School Plaza During May Queen Fete on Evening May 1.

The contest for the election of some pupil of the Laredo public schools as May Queen, whose coronation will take place on the evening of May 1 on the School Plaza, started today. Each of the various grades of the different public schools of the city have nominated a candidate and the contest which is launched today promises to be animated by that interest which each year characterizes the selection of a little lady as May Queen.

The following is a list of the candidates representing the various grades of the schools: Misses Melitona Villareal, Maxime Taylor, Katherine Brennan, Mary Hall, Margaret Sturtevant, Ruby Landrum, Esther Penn, Elsie Wiggins, Josefa Gutierrez, Olivia Guerra, Lilia Sanchez, Josephine Brewster, Pearl Coleman, Anna Jimenez, Adelina Gutierrez, Concha Gonzales, Amelia Quintana, Lidia Valdez, Guadalupe Villar, Simona Gutierrez, Isabel Garza Cantu, Irene Sanchez, Florinda Barberio, Maria Ramon, Maria Valdez, Irene Leyendecker, Adelaida Ramon, Violeta Sanchez, Lilia Barrera, Concha Lozano, Nettie Landrum, Jovita Juarez, Zulma Juarez, Agnes Bennett, Elisa Cantu, Adela Guerra, Alamar Palacios, Olla Villanueva, Dora Flores, Angela Ramirez, Cueva Herrera, Ernestina Vela, Lucille Bell.

The contest for the election of a May Queen, which began today, will conclude on the evening of April 22, when the successful candidate will be announced. Votes can be secured at the following places: Richter's Store, City Drug Co. and the Central School building.

Again and Again.
After all it's the service one gets that satisfies and this is the reason so many persons patronize SHORTY'S Lunch. Stands at the southeast corner of the market (outside). They always get what they want and get it quick. They come again and again.
Come and see. 4-1-16.

Public Notice.
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LAREDO'S FAST RACING TEAM BEGINS WORK COMING WEEK

WILL GET MEN INTO PROPER TRIM FOR RACES ON MAY 11.

Laredo Fire Department Contingent Going to New Braunfels Will Represent Best Laredo Has.

Last night the members of the Laredo Fire Department Racing Team met and decided to begin hard practice work during the coming week and round out condition for the state firemen's tournament at New Braunfels next month, when about twenty of the fastest hose reel racing teams in the state will participate in the races at the State Firemen's Association convention from May 9 to 11.

Beginning on next Tuesday night the team will train three times each week until leaving Laredo for New Braunfels, Thursday and Saturday. Twelve men and a captain will compose the team and these will be selected from the fastest and best men among those working out for the places. The team will in all likelihood be composed almost of the same members as those who made the excellent run of 27.5 seconds on February 22. The members of the team and substitutes are as follows: J. W. Falvela, captain; Carlos Richter, assistant captain and reel runner; Robert H. Kilsby, Charles Pierce, M. L. Wright, Henry Burr, Solomon Freed, Claude Bigdon, reel runners; Gus Schmitt, nozzleman; Frank Barthel, low, Dewey Simpson, Henry Elstetter, spannermen; William Sharkey, plugman; Julian Slaughter, hoseman; Hugh Maness, assistant hoseman; Percy Winch and Alden B. Miller, substitutes.

The racing reel of the Corpus Christi Fire Department which has been here for the past year and was returned this week, will be used by the Laredo team in the practices and races. The reel team will also be divided into three Paris rule teams, one of the teams, composed of Carlos Richter, Henry Burr, Henry Elstetter and Frank Barthel, now being the holders of the Clark Trophy Cup, which is in possession of their sponsor, Miss Lillian Westbrook, this cup will be taken to New Braunfels, and it is the anticipation of the team that they will get the Connor championship cup instead.

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LITTLE LOCALS

—Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Whitaker have moved to Laredo from Reiser to make their home and have the cottage No. 703 Lexington avenue, on the Heights.

—Velvet ice cream served at the People's Pharmacy, (Botica del Pueblo). Best in the South. Made in San Antonio. Specials on Sunday. Huyler's King and Blauke, Wenker's candies kept on ice.

—Puig Brothers, who are erecting a handsome brick building on Lincoln street west of the Laredo National Bank, today decided to change their plans, and instead of making the structure one-story they altered the contract and will make it a two-story building instead. The upper floor may be used for offices or a lodge room.

—Old hats made new by the Modern Hatter, 1129 Farragut street.

—An anti-Palm Beach atmosphere prevailed in Laredo this morning, and all because one of those chilly north-westerly breezes sneaked in during the warm hours of the morning and drove the mercury to a point indicative of cold weather. Those persons who are "fishing the season" in summery duds are having a great time of it now changing back and forth between summer and winter suits.

—Demonstrations on the Domestic Science Fireless Cooker by an expert who knows how, during the entire coming week, April 3 to 8 inclusive. We want every lady in Laredo to be present, as we will have different menus every day. A Deutz and Bro. 3-30-16.

—At the meeting of the Lone Star Hook and Ladder Co. last evening Judge Geo. R. Page was selected as the delegate to the State Firemen's Association convention at New Braunfels next month.

—Now is the time to clip your horses. We do it at a reasonable charge. Laredo Transfer Co. Phone 864. 1-27-16.

—The following is the menu for the Domestic Science Fireless Cooker Demonstrations at A. Deutz and Brother's on Monday from 9 a. m. to 12 noon, and from 2 to 5 p. m. Pot Roast, Brown Potatoes, Cold Cake, Chocolate Angel Food Cake, Baked Apple.

—This is April 1, and the pranks of those who would play "April fool" jokes on their friends were conspicuous by their absence today. The old-time April fool custom has become so prosaic now and there are so many "wise ones" that the coming of April 1 is no longer the season of jokes.

—Don't fail to attend the Domestic Science Fireless Cooker demonstration during the entire coming week at A. Deutz and Bro. 3-30-16.

—The May Queen contest is now on and the people of Laredo, in helping some little lady to be elected May Queen, is also assisting a laudable cause when they purchase votes, for the fund derived from this source goes toward the replenishing of the public library with modern literature.

—Teacher of English, Spanish and Gregg Shorthand, evening lessons only. Apply Will W. Gregg, Times office. 10-11-16.

—Handkerchiefs, laces, domestics, lawns and house furnishings at Saff's. 2-24-16.

—The importations through this port yesterday afternoon from Mexico consisted of nineteen carloads of nineteen carloads of hides, five carloads of skins and four carloads of calamine.

—For self starter work see Yeary at the Citizens Garage. 6-25-16.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office. 6-5-16 (Adv.)

—The intensity of the drought was increased today by the closing of the saloons. It was a dusty day and a lot of the fine particles accumulated in the throats of the people who had to wander about on the streets.

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans. 4-24-16 (Adv.)

—The cavalry troops at Fort McIntosh and the infantry and battery forces at the Ninth Infantry Camp were paid off today. There was a lot of money put into circulation, for the officers and men put out a lot of money after each payday.

—If it is neat and accurate job printing that you want send your orders to The Times job department. Expert workmanship and the best of materials. 1-9-16.

For Your Child's Cough.
If your